Senate Resolution No. 1342

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of this Empire State and whose extraordinary achievements save lives, so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National EMS Week; and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety, honor and dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line"; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services are an important part of the continuum of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement officers, dispatchers, medical volunteers, and others; and

WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the State of New York benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services system provides valuable service to the community and is the vital link between the patient and other healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 2.8 million calls are handled by Emergency Medical Services providers each year in New York State; and

WHEREAS, More than 50,000 dedicated Emergency Medical Services providers, whether volunteer or career, respond 24 hours a day to calls for emergency care throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, Injury prevention and the appropriate use of the Emergency Medical Services system will help reduce national healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.