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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BOSTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND RECOGNIZE BOSTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

- WHEREAS,** In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized National Emergency Medical Services Week to celebrate and honor the important contributions of EMS professionals in safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of their communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's municipal Emergency Medical Services, is one of three public safety agencies who respond to 9-1-1 calls in the City of Boston. Their department cares for patients with clinical proficiency, professionalism and compassion and is a recognized leader in emergency medical service and the largest municipal EMS in New England; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston EMS provides Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance units throughout the neighborhoods in the city of Boston. In the month of April alone, they responded to a total of 10,678 clinical incidents and 13,381 BLS & ALS responses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Members of Boston EMS were on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic and answered the call for over 126,000 clinical incidents, 160,577 total BLS & ALS responses and 79,210 transports in 2021, serving residents across every neighborhood of the city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Personnel have cared for tens of thousands of suspected COVID-19 patients and over 7,800 confirmed positive residents, in addition to administering more than 2,300 COVID-19 vaccinations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This year's National EMS Week theme is 'Rising to the Challenge', something members of Boston EMS have exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council honors the contributions of the Boston Emergency Medical Services department and recognizes May 15th – 21st, 2022 to be Boston Emergency Medical Services Week.

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