

PROCLAMATION



**EMS WEEK**

Where **Emergency Care Begins**

May 21-27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public service; 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**, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and assess to telemedicine; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; 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**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steve Karsjen, Mayor of Polk City, Iowa, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** with the EMS Strong Theme, *EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins*.

*Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Karsjen".

Steve Karsjen, Mayor