**WHEREAS**, in 1973, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services Week to celebrate EMS, its practitioners, and the important work they do in responding to medical emergencies. At the time, EMS was a fledgling profession and EMS practitioners were only



beginning to be recognized as a critical component of emergency medicine and the public health safety net; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

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

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency covery rate of those who experience sudden

care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; 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, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, on behalf of the Borough Council and all of the Citizens of Spotswood, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 – 27, 2107, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, and extend appreciation to all of the Borough Emergency Medical Technicians, together with Acting EMS Director David Nichols, for their conscientious Emergency Medical Services to the residents of the Borough of Spotswood and mutual aid to residents of our neighboring towns.



**DATED: MAY 8, 2017** 

Ed Seely Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC

Municipal Clerk