

PROCLAMATION

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. Back then, 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 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, Nicholas Polisen, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, and 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 15 - 21, 2016** as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, with the theme EMS Strong, Called to Care**, and extend appreciation to all of the Borough Emergency Medical Service workers, along with EMS Director Robert Kearstan, for their conscientious Emergency Medical Services to the residents of the Borough of Spotswood and mutual aid to other neighboring towns in our area.

DATED: MAY 16, 2016

Nicholas Polisen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



