

## PROCLAMATION OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK"

MAY 18 - 24, 2025

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service, providing essential and often life-saving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the City of Owens Cross Roads and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams, including emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters from entities including the City of Owens Cross Roads Fire & Rescue, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, and other first responders, demonstrate unwavering dedication and commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills, often placing themselves in harm's way to provide critical medical assistance in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, making a profound difference in the lives of our residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 National EMS Week theme is "We Care. For Everyone.," highlighting the inclusive, compassionate, and highly skilled care that EMS professionals provide to every individual in every circumstance; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the City of Owens Cross Roads recognizes the value and the accomplishments of all Emergency Medical Services providers, including the personnel of Huntsville Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (HEMSI) and the members of the City of Owens Cross Roads Fire & Rescue, for their tireless service to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tony Craig, Mayor of the City of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2025, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in the City of Owens Cross Roads.

**FURTHERMORE**, I urge all citizens to observe this week by expressing their gratitude for the dedication and commitment of our EMS professionals and to participate in appropriate programs and activities that recognize the crucial role these heroes play in the safety and health of our community. Let us honor their commitment to caring for everyone, every day.

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Given Under My Hand the Great Seal of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Owens Cross Roads on the 20th day of May 2025

Tony M Craig, Mayor

Attest:

Christie D. Eason, City Clerk