

**WAKULLA COUNTY
PROCLAMATION**

**DECLARING MAY 17-23, 2009 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)
WEEK IN WAKULLA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, emergency medical professionals and volunteers provide medical care to victims of sudden, life-threatening injuries and illnesses, often under stressful conditions and in high-risk situations, to save lives; and

WHEREAS, Wakulla's residents and visitors benefit daily from the knowledge, skill, and judgment of paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency physicians, emergency nurses and others who encompass the emergency medical system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel must rapidly assess, manage, and effectively provide care in unpredictable situations requiring life and death judgments; and

WHEREAS, Wakulla's EMS teams unselfishly serve on the front line of health care when responding to man-made and natural disasters, at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, it is critical the general public be made aware of, understand, support, and effectively use its local emergency medical services system; and

WHEREAS, recognition is due for the emergency medical services system for its accomplishments and contributions to Wakulla County in improving public welfare through health care, medical transportation, injury prevention, education, disaster response, homeland security and other initiatives that reduce health care costs and save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2009, as ***Emergency Medical Services Week***, with this year's theme "*EMS: a Proud Partner in Your Community*" and encourage the people of Wakulla to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities, this 19th day of May, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

HOWARD KESSLER, Chairman