



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS Week honors and celebrates its practitioners and the important work they do responding to medical emergencies and their role as a critical component of emergency medicine, the public health safety net and in helping to safeguard the health and wellbeing of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, National EMS Week celebrates and honors the hundreds of thousands of EMS practitioners including firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and Fire Chiefs, serving our communities across the nation and recognizes that EMS is "Where Emergency Care Begins;" and

**WHEREAS**, EMS personnel provide preventative and emergent care to individuals in need throughout Whatcom County with a multitude of different means ranging from first response to Mobile Integrated Healthcare, and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 49<sup>th</sup> annual EMS Week, which was authorized in 1973, by President Gerald Ford to celebrate EMS, its practitioners and the important work they do responding to medical emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of May 21 through May 27 has been designated National EMS Week by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), its founder and sponsor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Scott Korthuis, Mayor of Lynden and Small Cities Representative; Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of Bellingham; and Satpal Singh Sidhu; Whatcom County Executive, proclaim the week of May 21 through 27, 2023 to be

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in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and ask that our community join in recognizing these outstanding emergency response professionals in their employ.

Signed this 18th day of May, 2023

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
Whatcom County

Scott Korthuis, Mayor, Small Cities Rep.  
City of Lynden

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

