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PROCLAMATION
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2009

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

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving 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, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the nation are volunteers; 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, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating **Emergency Medical Services Week**; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2009 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

This the 4th day of May 2009

Carl Ford, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Carolyn Athey, Clerk to the Board