

State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 30 million children receive emergency medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different than the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is to help states and communities prepare for a medical/traumatic emergency involving a child through the provision of properly trained emergency personnel, sufficiently equipped ambulances, pediatric-ready emergency departments, and well-defined pediatric treatment protocols and procedures; and

WHEREAS, EMSC relies on its established partnership within the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community, as well as physicians and nurses who provide pediatric emergency care, to help states and communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMSA, the tens of thousands of EMS providers and acute care professionals it serves, and the more than 25 professional organizations in which it partners are committed to improving the quality of emergency care children receive; and

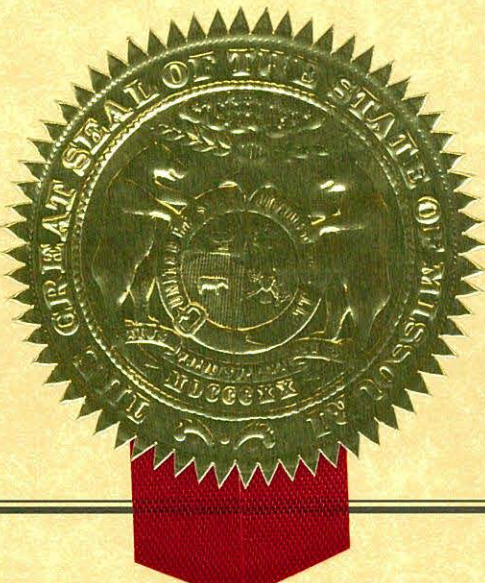
WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of EMSC and the dedicated men and women who work tirelessly to improve the quality of pediatric medical care.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2020, to be

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) DAY

as part of National EMS Week in Missouri and urge all citizens and health care professionals serving the pediatric population to celebrate the theme "EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow" and to become familiar with EMSC, its programs and activities in our state and nationally, and to support and participate in educational and outreach programs to increase their knowledge of best pediatric medical care practices.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 28th day of April, 2020.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE