WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

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, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; 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, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, as

"NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

in Westerville with the theme, "EMS: One Mission, One Team" and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 21st day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

| Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor | |
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