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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMS WEEK,
HONORING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

- WHEREAS** The Detroit Fire Department’s (DFD) mission and purpose is to provide a safe environment for the citizens and visitors of Detroit through public education, enforcement of fire codes, and deployment of efficient emergency response resources; and
- WHEREAS** The brave women and men of the DFD have been providing compassionate skilled care to our community since 1972; and
- WHEREAS** Through the DFD’s Medical First Responder Program, the City now has over 900 licensed individuals responding to over 120,000 calls for service annually; and
- WHEREAS** Particularly since the start of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel—including medical first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics—in the City of Detroit and throughout this nation have made supporting and caring for our communities a top priority; and
- WHEREAS** During the height of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency the personnel in the DFD’s Emergency Medical Services division responded to 134,232 medical runs; and
- WHEREAS** Despite the ongoing Public Health Emergency the valiant and dedicated women and men of the DFD reported in-person and delivered exceptional care and service to our community; and
- WHEREAS** EMS personnel are critical in safeguarding the health, safety, and wellness of the public, and the women and men of the Department should be fully celebrated and recognized for their selfless service to the people of Detroit; and **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council would like to pause today to honor the enduring brave work and commitment of each member of the EMS division for protecting the health and safety of our community, and recognize May 15-23 as National EMS Week.