WHEREAS, emergency medical services are 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 first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, 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 Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 – 25, 2019, as Emergency Medical Services Week, and with the theme “EMS Strong: Beyond the Call”, encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 13th day of May 2019.

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Jerry Smith, Mayor