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**PROCLAMATION
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 19 - 25, 2019**

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 has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; 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 Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Westmoreland County, Virginia, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 - 25, 2019, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.

With the theme, "**EMS Strong: Beyond the Call**", I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. E. Fisher", written over a horizontal line.

Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Westmoreland County