RESOLUTION NO. 150401

Declaring May 17-23, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and May 20, 2015 as EMS for Children Day in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, May 17-23, 2015, is National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and May 20 is specifically National EMS for Children Day. The purpose of National EMS for Children Day is to raise awareness about the need to improve and expand specialized care for infants and children in the pre-hospital and acute care settings; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers with the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) treat over 62,000 patients of all ages each year, and KCFD and Children's Mercy Hospital work together to improve the care of ill and injured infants and children; and

WHEREAS, KCFD paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) care for over 4,000 children each year throughout Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport teams provide specialized neonatal and pediatric care for the infants and children of our community through a partnership with KCFD; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Mercy teams transport over 5,300 children annually by helicopter, airplane and ground ambulance. Their nurses, respiratory therapists, paramedics and EMTs bring specialized neonatal and pediatric intensive care to the bedside of sick and injured infants and children throughout Kansas City and the surrounding areas, and the Children's Mercy campuses treat nearly 10,000 children each year brought in by ambulance and helicopter each year; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare May 17-23, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and May 20, 2015, as EMS for Children Day and recognize the EMS personnel of the KCFD and Children's Mercy Hospital who provide life saving assistance for infants and children in the pre-hospital setting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Sherry McCool, Director, Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport, Christy Dressler, Assistant Director Operations, Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport, Amy Dunn, RN, Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport, Tod Noble, NREMT, Camron Simcox, KCFD Assistant Division Chief, and Dr. Jay Reich, City EMS Medical Director, with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for their dedication and hard work caring for sick and injured infants and children.

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Authenticated as Passed

Sly James, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

Date Passed