***PROCLAMATION from the***

***Office of the Mayor***



 **Whereas**, emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service; and

 **Whereas**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

 **Whereas**, EMS plays a critical role in public outreach and injury prevention, and is evolving in its role as an important member of the healthcare community; and

 **Whereas**, personnel from MedStar and Lake Worth Fire and Lake Worth Police Departments stand ready to provide compassionate, lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

 **Whereas,** emergency medical responders are supported by emergency medical dispatchers, educators, administrators, researchers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians and others; and

 **Whereas,** the members of EMS teams, both career and 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 EMS practitioners by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

 **Now, therefore**, I, Walter Bowen, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2014 as “**Emergency Medical Services Week”** with the theme *“EMS: Dedicated. For Life.”* I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**Proclaimed** this 13th day of May 2014.

 Walter Bowen, Mayor