PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Emergency Medical Services is a vital service to the community, the members of emergency medical service teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Whereas, This year's National theme, "Anytime. Anywhere. We'll be there," underscores the commitment and dedication of the EMS providers who serve our area; and

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

Whereas, This year's theme emphasizes, it's important that we publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicines' "front line." The brave men and women who serve as EMS providers are often first on the scene of a disaster, a motor vehicle crash or other event that may place them in a hazardous environment; and

Whereas, Emergency medical service teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency room nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters and emergency medical dispatchers, the members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, Our citizens benefit daily from the knowledge and skill of these highly trained individuals. It is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, *THEREFORE*, *I*, *Mike Cassinelli*, *Mayor of the City of Ilwaco*, in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-22, 2010 as

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in Ilwaco, Washington, and encourage the citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ilwaco to be affixed this 10th day of May 2010.