

## Vote "Yes" To Approve The Referendum On Act 2020-91.

By Cetronia Ambulance Corps

SLATE BELT - It doesn't matter which political party you belong to for the Primary Election being held May 18. All Pennsylvania registered voters will be able to vote on the ballot questions of which there are four.

One question in particular involves EMS. The question reads: Do you favor expanding the use of the indebtedness authorized under the referendum for loans to volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads under 35 PA.C.S. §7378.1 (related to referendum for additional indebtedness) to include loans to municipal fire departments or companies that provide services through paid personnel and emergency medical services companies for the purpose of establishing and modernizing facilities to house apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, and for purchasing apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the fire companies and emergency medical services companies?

Who is in favor? The measure passed the legislature with unanimous support from both the Democrats and Republicans. The Pennsylvania Fire Emergency Services Institute is urging a "yes" vote, as is the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association.

We join with fire and EMS leaders from across the state of Pennsylvania and ask you to vote "yes" to approve the referendum on Act 2020-91.

## National EMS Week

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SLATE BELT -National EMS Week is being celebrated May 16 - 22 in 2021.

This year's theme is "THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities." The theme reflects the need to remind people that we

are still here to respond, support, and care for the needs of the communities we serve.

Each day takes on a different focus to not only educate our associates, but the community as a whole.

Monday: Education Day - our focus will be on strokes. Every second matters!

Tuesday: Safety Day - our focus will be on mental health awareness.

Wednesday: EMS For Children Day - we invite you to stop by our parking lot area for some freebies for the kids! Lehigh Valley Health Network will be offering free car seat safety checks (registration recommended); meLVin the Lehigh Valley Phantoms mascot will appear from 1-1:30 p.m.; Take-A-Taco and Bananarama food trucks are offering food for purchase from noon - 2 p.m.; and more! Various activities including live demonstrations and ambulance tours will be from noon - 3 p.m.

Thursday: Save-A-Life and National Stop the Bleed Day - We'll be making a push for you to learn CPR. Catch us live on Facebook with a CPR demo at 10 a.m. and a Stop the Bleed demo at 6 p.m.

Friday: EMS Recognition Day - We'll be celebrating with our associates and thanking them for the amazing job they all do on a daily basis.



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