

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

WHEREAS, In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed Presidential Proclamation 6667, declaring the second week of April as NPSTW. This week is a time to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel across the Nation who serve our communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, life and death emergencies can occur at any time and dispatchers are the first and most critical link in that moment when a citizen needs emergency assistance from law enforcement, or other emergency services; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Communications Dispatcher is always poised and ready to answer a call for service, and no matter how stressful, frightening, or tragic that call may be, the training and experience they have ensures they don't panic, or freeze, but remain courageous calm as they perform their duties in the face of these challenging times, and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of deputies is crucial to the protection of life and preservation of property, and the safety of those deputies is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained by the dispatcher, from citizens who telephone the Humboldt County Sheriff's Communications Center: and

WHEREAS, a dispatcher is able to multitask like no other person, they are able to answer a 9-1-1 call, answer an internal phone line, listen and respond to the radio, monitor other law enforcement jurisdictions, enter essential data into the computer, talk to fellow dispatchers, and deliver exceptional service in a dedicated, diligent, and compassionate matter all at the same time; and

WHEREAS, dispatchers serve the public daily, recognition by the beneficiaries of their services: and in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center answered 150,665 calls for service in 2021, of which 26,236 were 9-1-1 calls; and

WHEREAS, The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Team is made up of 11 dispatchers, 3 senior Dispatchers, and 1 supervisor, and each dispatcher has demonstrated compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Supervisors, Sheriff William Honsal and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks the Humboldt County Emergency Communications Dispatchers for their service to this community.

Dated: April 12, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair

