

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are a vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities, providing them with information, and ensuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of crime, and treatment of patients. They are knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with police, fire, and medical personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties in the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Dispatchers dispatched 238,811 calls for service for Law Enforcement and 30,119 calls for Fire Rescue in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Dispatchers answered 63,453 9-1-1 calls and 100,081 administrative calls; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that the week of April 11 through April 17, 2021, be designated as **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week** in Indian River County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2021.

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