

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Daily, across the nation, public safety telecommunicators are on the front lines, communicating and coordinating public safety services in the face of critical need. From car accidents and medical emergencies to threats of any kind, these highly trained professionals answer calls for help and address emergent needs with skill and speed. Dispatchers, 9-1-1 operators, and crisis communications specialists remain poised during stressful situations, reassure callers, and establish swift responses to any calamity.

Public safety telecommunicators provide essential services to their fellow Texans and remain devoted to their communities. Their ability to operate telephones, radios, and computers supports law enforcement, emergency medical services, and firefighters. Their professionalism, empathy, and commitment inspire people throughout the Lone Star State. More than 4,000 public safety telecommunicators work in 600 emergency 911 call centers, providing critical communications in the face of difficult circumstances.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with telecommunicators and local and state governments to ensure that Texans have reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. Each year, the commission brings awareness to public safety telecommunicators and recognizes their importance to public safety.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the impactful role these dedicated professionals play in our lives and to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. They ensure that help arrives swiftly to those in need.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024, to be

## **Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 4th day of April, 2024.

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Governor of Texas