



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the State of Hawai'i police, fire, and ambulance communications centers processed 1,417,487 calls from citizens in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators, often referred to as 9-1-1 dispatchers, are the first and most critical contact for citizens in emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics, monitoring their activities by radio and ensuring their safety with prompt and accurate communications that are crucial to the protection of life and the preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators are decisive, caring, supportive and strong individuals who are calm during intense and emotional situations, focused when instructing callers needing medical attention, and attentive to details which may lead to the capture of criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, the skill and expertise of dedicated public safety telecommunicators can often mean the difference between life and death for citizens and first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, established by the Congress of the United States in 1991, public safety telecommunicators are celebrated in the second full week of April each year;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2018 as**

### **"Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in applauding and honoring public safety telecommunicators who are unsung heroes working to save lives daily.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of April 2018.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i