

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2026

WHEREAS, emergencies that require law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, or hazardous materials response can occur at any time; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services during emergency situations and the safety of first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call any of the dispatch centers in Mendocino County; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical link between the public and law enforcement, fire, emergency, medical service, and hazardous material response. Telecommunicators monitor activities on radio frequencies, providing information and ensuring the safety of first responders; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism under some of the worst circumstances during the performance of their jobs; and,

WHEREAS, During the year 2025, the combined total calls for service answered by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Ukiah Police Department, the Willits Police Department, and the Fort Bragg Police Department was 168,532, and all agencies are able to receive text to 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators are required to quickly assess incoming calls, dispatch the appropriate units, coordinate with other dispatch centers and in some cases transfer calls to other dispatch centers all while simultaneously using complicated computer programs and software applications while keeping callers calm and focused is a testament to the power of the human spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are dedicated and highly skilled public servants who work very hard to provide the best service possible to the citizens of our cities and county; services that we could not go without.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims the week of April 12-18, 2026, as:

"National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"

Dated:

Bernie Norvell, Chair