City of Springfield and the County of Greene, Missouri

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers are the '*first*' first responders and the most critical link our citizens have for emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, emergencies occur 24/7/365 in which our community depends on 9-1-1 personnel to dispatch police, fire or emergency medical services personnel; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel is dependent upon the quality and skill of the 9-1-1 Telecommunicators in the Operations Center of the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department established in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the response from our 9-1-1 personnel to a call for help and subsequent dispatch initializes the response of law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics that is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicators help protect our citizens before, during and after natural and manmade disasters as they assist with emergency management initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the highly trained and skilled dispatchers handle upset and often emotional victims every day via the phone; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers of the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and initial assistance to the medical treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, our telecommunicators exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job as they assist citizens with their qualify of life; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Telecommunicators and Supervisors are internally recognized for their outstanding service and efforts throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Springfield, Missouri and the County of Greene, Missouri, that April 10, 2016 through April 16, 2016 is hereby proclaimed as

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

in the City of Springfield and County of Greene, Missouri in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the residents of our City and County safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the official Seals of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and the County of Greene, Missouri, to be affixed this 10th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand sixteen.

Robert L. Stephens
Mayor
City of Springfield

Robert Cirtin
Presiding Commissioner
Greene County

Greg Burris
City Manager
City of Springfield

Roseanne Bentley
Eastern District Commissioner
Greene County

Harold Bengsch
Western District Commissioner
Greene County

Chris Coulter
County Administrator
Greene County