



A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2023 IN ASHLAND

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 Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO 911), *and*

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

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety, *and*

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of ECSO 911 have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients, *and*

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tonya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby acknowledge April 9 through 15, 2023, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2023 in the City of Ashland, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city, county and nation safe. Their work to protect our community proves that In Ashland we are "Better Together."

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Tonya Graham, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

