



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, we recognize our 911 dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week; and

WHEREAS, 911 dispatchers play a vital and often underappreciated role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, they are the first point of contact for individuals in need of emergency services, and their quick thinking, calm demeanor, and attention to detail can mean the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Key West Police Dispatchers answered over 95,000 calls into the Communications Center and dispatched over 70,000 calls for service for police, fire, and rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the challenges they face on a daily basis, including the emotional toll of dealing with high-stress situations and the need to make split-second decisions that can have life-altering consequences; and

WHEREAS, to all dispatchers out there, we say thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and your unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, your work does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for all that you do.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to recognize the invaluable contributions of our 911 dispatchers and honor their commitment to public service.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 11th day of April 2024.

Teri Johnston, Mayor