



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Several hundreds of dedicated telecommunication professionals answer nearly two million emergency calls every year and serve Oregon residents and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians during the past year have experienced numerous and ongoing disasters and emergencies and rely on the dedication and professionalism of these telecommunicators who answer 9-1-1 emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services, then dispatch the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS: These professionals are often the sole lifeline to our first responders in the field; and

WHEREAS: Skillful and experienced public safety telecommunicators, who support emergency response and show devoted commitment every day, serve as a vital link between Oregonians and the public safety providers who save lives, protect property, and keep public safety; and

WHEREAS: The critical functions performed by professional telecommunicators also include those related to operations performed by federal, state, local and Tribal government agencies to include emergency management, highway safety, and search and rescue; and

WHEREAS: Public safety associations have set aside a week in April to recognize public safety telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE: The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **April 12 - 18, 2026** to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Deschutes County, and encourages our community to join in this observance.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2026 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Phil Chang, Chair

Anthony DeBone, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

Patti Adair, Commissioner