

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, DABOUZE ANTOINE, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO RECOGNIZE AND DESIGNATE 911 OPERATORS AS FIRST RESPONDERS.

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 operators are part of the critical infrastructure of the public safety framework and trained as communication officers pursuant to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act, Chapter 8 of Title 35; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 operators play a critical role in emergency response as the first line of communication for persons needing police, fire, or medical response, and as a lifeline to police, fire, and medical response personnel in the field; and

WHEREAS, these individuals are challenged on a daily basis, dealing with stressful situations involving life and death, and handle such situations with compassion, empathy, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, while employing their experience and training to recognize a critical piece of information, 9-1-1 operators are often communicating with people in states of great distress, harm, fear, or injury; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 operators coach callers through first aid and deliver advice to prevent further harm, all while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, without 9-1-1 operators adequate public safety cannot be achieved.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Designation. In honor of the critical work they perform to keep the citizens of Forest Park safe, the City Council hereby designates its 9-1-1 operators as “First Responders.”

SECTION 2. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of May, 2024.

Angelyne Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney