Proclamation

WHEREAS, the professional Public Safety Telecommunicators in the City of Green Cove Springs play a crucial role in the protection of life, property and delivery of Public Safety Services; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link between the public and emergency services, ensuring the swift and effective dispatch of police, fire, and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, each day, City of Green Cove Springs citizens call for help in emergency situations, and the Telecommunicators who answer these calls—often referred to as the "voice of calm in the storm" – gather essential information and dispatch the appropriate assistance, often making the difference between life and death for persons in need; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators answer millions of emergency calls annually, providing life-saving assistance, crucial information, and reassurance to those in distress, serving the citizens of the City of Green Cove Springs, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, during extreme situations, such as hurricanes, these Telecommunicators are unable to be with their families to protect their own personal homes and property, yet remain committed to excellence, strengthening the resilience of our city and fostering a sense of security for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has proclaimed its support and recognition for these employees and their profession, and the City Council wishes to publicly recognize the Telecommunicators who serve the citizens of the City of Green Cove Springs in such a professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM:

- 1. The week of April 13-19, 2025 to be "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Green Cove Springs and call upon citizens to recognize and express gratitude for the extraordinary contributions of our public safety telecommunicators to the safety, security, and well-being of our community.
- 2. A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED IN REGULAR SESSION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk