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"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, ACTING POLICE CHIEF

DATE: 19 MARCH 2018

**RE: NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Sonora Police Department is requesting Sonora City Council proclaim the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

DISCUSSION:

Every year during the second week of April, telecommunications personnel in the public safety community across the nation, are honored. This week-long event, initially established in 1981, is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

The telecommunications personnel who serve the City of Sonora are known as Police Dispatch-Records Specialists. These 9-1-1 Dispatchers are the first line of communication for many residents, motorists and other persons within our community who may be experiencing a crisis. Our five full-time and two part-time dispatchers answer in excess of 25,000 phone calls each year, many of which are categorized as emergencies. The effectiveness of our department to maintain a high level of public safety for the City of Sonora is greatly dependent on these fine individuals.

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SONORA DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF
APRIL NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

- WHEREAS:** Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that requires police, fire or emergency medical services; and,
- WHEREAS:** 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:** Whereas the safety of our police officers is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the City of Sonora Police communications center; and,
- WHEREAS:** Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,
- WHEREAS:** Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,
- WHEREAS:** Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Sonora Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals and the suppression of crime; and,
- WHEREAS:** Whereas each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Connie L. Williams, Mayor of the City of Sonora declare the second week of April to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Sonora California, in honor of the dedicated personnel whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2018.

Signed _____
Connie L. Williams, Mayor

Attest _____
Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk