PROCLAMATION PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK APRIL 9-15, 2017

WHEREAS, This week is designed to recognize and honor the "first" first responders, public safety telecommunicators, for their contributions to the safety and security of residents in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are critical to our county's emergency response by dispatching law enforcement, ambulances, firefighters, and other emergency responders to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors, and travelers in our community, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Johnson County Joint Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single vital link for our responders by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators serve the public daily in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services; and

whereas, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), an organization of over 20,000 people in the United State and Canada, has set aside this week in April to recognize telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2017, as:

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in Johnson County, Iowa, and urge all citizens to recognize the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our citizens safe.

Signed this 6th day of April, 2017, in Johnson County, Iowa.

Janelle Rettig, Chairperson
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

