Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire or emergency medical services response; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators, often referred to as dispatchers, are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, providing prompt responses that are critical to the protection of life and the preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 1,441,508 calls were processed through police, fire and emergency medical services communications centers in the state of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators serve as a vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters and medics by monitoring their activities by radio, ensuring their safety by transmitting accurate communications; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and rapid response to individuals needing emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, the observance of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week highlights the compassion, understanding and professionalism that has been exhibited by Public Safety Telecommunicators throughout the state as they have served our residents in countless ways;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim April 12 - 18, 2015 as

"NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in commending the Public Safety Telecommunicators for playing a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of those who live in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this tenth day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i