

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators, who provide 9-1-1 emergency assistance, are often the first and most critical contact for citizens in an urgent situation; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers and public safety radio technicians represent the telecommunicator staff; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and ambulance communications centers in the State of Hawai'i processed 1,544,123 calls last year; and

WHEREAS, the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens during 9-1-1 calls are crucial to their own safety and the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics; and

WHEREAS, public telecommunicators monitor ongoing activity during an emergency call and provide accurate information for our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics; and

WHEREAS, the skill and expertise of the telecommunicators can often mean the difference between life and death;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2020 as

"PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in commending Public Safety Telecommunicators for the important work that they do for first responders and our community.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of April 2020.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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