

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Kaua'i Police Department Communication Center processed 128,910 calls from citizens in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators – often referred to as 9-1-1 dispatchers – are the first and most critical contact for citizens in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, monitoring their activities by radio and ensuring their safety with prompt and accurate communication that is crucial to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are decisive, caring, supportive, and strong individuals who are calm during intense and emotional situations, focused when providing life-saving instructions, and attuned to details that may lead to the apprehension of suspects; and

WHEREAS, the skillset and expertise of dedicated public safety telecommunicators often mean the difference between life and death of both citizens and first responders; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, which was established by the United States Congress in 1991, these professionals are celebrated during the second week of April for a full week each year;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2022 as

"PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in applauding and honoring these tireless public safety professionals who are unsung heroes working daily to save lives and preserve property.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of April 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i