Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, emergencies and disasters can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

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, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone West Virginias's many emergency communications centers; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their radio activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

Whereas,
Public Safety Telecommunicators across West Virginia have contributed substantially to the response to emergencies and disasters; apprehensions of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 11-17, 2021* as:

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in West Virginia

in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep West Virginia's citizens safe.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State