

# PROCLAMATION

## *Public Safety Telecommunications Week*

**WHEREAS**, Behind every emergency response that takes place in Washoe County there is a team of dedicated, professional Communication Specialists who are often the first and most vital link between our citizens and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County Communication Specialists are the lifeblood of information for more than 500 public safety personnel 24 hour hours day, seven days a week, providing a critical safety service to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department, Pyramid Lake Tribal Police, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police and the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing along with after-hour services for the Washoe County School District Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The 24 Communications Specialists and 4 Supervisors who serve at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during more than 150,000 calls for service each year, covering an area of approximately 6,700 square miles with over 110,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Every Washoe County Communication Specialist is certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch in Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Police Dispatch and Emergency Fire Dispatch so that they may provide a substantial contribution to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and the treatment of medical patients throughout Washoe County; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that April 19-25, 2015 be observed as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Washoe County in honor of our County's less visible, but vitally important first responders: the Communication Specialists whose dedication and professionalism help keep our County, communities and citizens safe.

**ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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