



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF IREDELL COUNTY 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATORS

WHEREAS, In September of 2021, US Representatives Norma J. Torres and Brian Fitzpatrick announced that their 9-1-1 SAVES Act passed the House as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 National defense Authorization Act. The 9-1-1 SAVES Act is bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support" to "Protective Service Occupations" in the Office of Management and Budget's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 Telecommunicator performs a critical role in public safety, homeland security, and emergency response alongside law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue technicians, and emergency medical services personnel; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 Telecommunicator requires specialized training and skills to gather vital information and make split-second decisions to form the foundation of an effective emergency response, prevent worsening of a situation, provide situational awareness to responders and citizens, and provide life-saving instructions; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 Telecommunicator is the initial first responder in saving lives, reducing property damage, and ensuring the safety of our citizens and emergency personnel without prejudice; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 Telecommunicator works in a uniquely stressful environment, communicating with citizens in great distress, harm, fear, illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 Telecommunicator delivers selfless compassionate care to all who seek their assistance during good times and bad; and

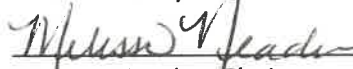
WHEREAS, The Iredell County Board of Commissioners recognize 911 Telecommunicators as Public Safety providing life-saving pre-arrival instructions during an emergency,

WHEREAS, The Iredell County Board of Commissioners is in support of such a legislative change. Now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Iredell County Board of Commissioners is in support of bipartisan legislation to reclassify 9-1-1 Telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support" to "Protective Service Occupations " in the Office of Management and Budget's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2023.

Iredell County Board of Commissioners


Melissa Neader, Chair

Attest:


Amy B. Anderson, Clerk to the Board