Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is composed of members representing telecommunications from every facet of public safety in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators across the state are available around the clock to answer calls from those in distress; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are also radio lifelines for police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are responsible for a wide range of public warnings, including AMBER alerts and notification of earthquakes, tsunamis, hazardous materials releases, and other threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, countless lives have been saved by the prompt; effective and compassionate responses of 9-1-1 telecommunicators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2018 as

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in recognizing the important contributions of this dedicated group.

Signed this 3rd day of April, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee