The men and women serving as public safety telecommunicators — 9-1-1 operators, dispatchers and other communications specialists — are dedicated to saving lives. These professionals, the “unseen first responders,” provide critical assistance to Texans in times of great need, and their specialized skills and calm presence are invaluable to the Lone Star State.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. To highlight the invaluable role of public safety telecommunicators, the commission annually designates a week in April for an awareness campaign.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. Their diligent efforts ensure that help is on the way when we need it most.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 10–16, 2016, to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 23rd day of March, 2016.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas