

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-78

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 12, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2026
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Telecommunicators play a critical role in emergency responses who serve as a lifeline that people depend on in emergencies and perform work that goes far beyond simply relaying information between the public and first responders; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are responsible for engaging with callers, who are often under duress and in danger, in order to obtain necessary information and determine the severity of the emergency, and are also responsible for dispatching field response personnel and managing the ongoing incident; and

WHEREAS, when responding to reports of missing, abducted, and exploited children, the information obtained and actions taken by public safety telecommunicator professionals form the foundation for an effective response, or when a hostage taker or suicidal individual calls 9-1-1, the first contact that individual has is with the Public Safety Telecommunications professional, who negotiation skills can prevent the situation from worsening; and

WHEREAS, during crises, public safety telecommunication professionals, while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding Sheriff's Deputies and other emergency personnel, can have an extreme emotional and physical toll on those individuals, critical to the safety of field responders; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Telecommunicators logged over 163,00 calls for service while exhibiting compassion, understanding and professionalism during the past year, highlighting the important and critical work in protecting the public and emergency responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim the week of April 12, 2026 through April 18, 2026 as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week" and acknowledge the important and lifesaving contributions of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's Emergency Call Center's public safety telecommunicator professionals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Diaz
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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