## Proclamation 2021-1 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 11-17, 2021

Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

Whereas when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Barnes County Dispatch Center; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have the emergency services; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Barnes County Dispatch have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Therefore be it resolved that the Barnes County Commission declares the week of April 11 through 17, 2021 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

Barnes County Commission Chairman