

WHEREAS; emergencies can occur at any time and any place, requiring the prompt response of police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and paramedics, who are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS; the safety of Wisconsin's police officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and those they serve depends on the quality and accuracy of the information obtained by public safety telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link between individuals in crisis and police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics, and they are often the first and most critical contact that Wisconsinites have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS; public safety telecommunicators also play a vital role in forestry, conservation, and infrastructure maintenance, providing first responders across the state with the information needed about potential environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS; as knowledgeable and skilled professionals tasked with obtaining information, making critical decisions, and quickly dispatching needed assistance, it is essential to recognize that Wisconsin's public safety telecommunicators are more than anonymous voices on the phone; and

WHEREAS; public safety telecommunicators are operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and often endure long hours and abnormal work schedules, all while handling frequent high-stress, life-and-death situations; and

WHEREAS; through their commitment to public safety and dedication to their profession, public safety telecommunicators in Wisconsin have contributed substantially to the health and safety of individuals across the state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring the state's public safety telecommunicators for their compassion, understanding, diligence, and professionalism during the course of their work, assisting those in need of emergency services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 12 through 18 2026 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State