

# ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, dedicated Telecommunicators, for the City of Broken Arrow, provide dramatic life-saving services by talking distressed callers through CPR, Heimlich maneuver, childbirth instruction, calming hysterical crime victims, and they make difficult decisions using limited information to save lives or reduce property damage on a daily basis; and

***WHEREAS***; The 911 System contributes substantially to the health and safety of the Citizens of Broken Arrow through the timely delivery of emergency calls to the correct emergency response agency and the automatic identification of the caller's phone numbers and locations; and

***WHEREAS***; The prompt response of police, firefighters and medics is critical to protecting life and preserving property. It also results in the apprehension of criminals, the suppression of fires and timely treatment of the ill and injured; and

***WHEREAS***; The men and women of the Broken Arrow Public Safety Communications Center have conscientiously answered thousands of emergency calls during the past year and provided fast assistance and needed assurance to victims of accidents, crime and illness; and

***WHEREAS***, the critical functions performed by these Telecommunicators, play a significant role in the daily lives of approximately one-hundred thousand Broken Arrowans; and

***WHEREAS***, these Telecommunicators provide the vital link between the Citizens in need of help and Public Safety first responders;

***WHEREAS***, Congress, in cooperation with the Nation Emergency Number Association and the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials, has set aside the second week in April to recognize the efforts of these dedicated people;

***NOW, THEREFORE, I***, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of the Broken Arrow, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2021 as:

## **\* TELECOMMUNICATOR APPRECIATION WEEK \***

and encourage all citizens of Broken Arrow to recognize the value of this system in our daily lives and to acknowledge the dedicated people who oversee its operation every minute of every day for our safety.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

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*Mayor*

*Attest:*

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*City Clerk*