State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO)

endorses and recognizes the second full week in April each year as

Public Safety Telecommunications Week; and

WHEREAS. public safety telecommunicators provide the first critical contact

for those in need of emergency services, since they are the first of the first responders, and must ascertain the location, nature, and extent of an emergency, often under stressful conditions; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of crisis, public safety telecommunicators exhibit

compassion, skill, and professionalism as they carry out the vital work of responding to emergency requests for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the state of Vermont proudly recognizes the dedication and service

provided by these women and men who dedicate themselves to

helping others; and

WHEREAS, while this week is proclaimed for public safety telecommunicators,

their valuable service should always be held in the highest regard, for their commitment, devotion, and hard work save countless lives

and protect property every day of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2017

as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of April, A.D. 2017.

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs