

Board of County Commissioners



Resolution

SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF GUILFORD METRO 911 DISPATCHERS

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, U.S. Representatives Norma J. Torres and Brian Fitzpatrick announced that their 9-1-1 SAVES Act passed the House as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. The 9-1-1 SAVES Act is bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 dispatchers from “Office and Administrative Support” to “Protective Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget’s Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog; and

WHEREAS, 911 dispatchers are the first line of response during an emergency, and they deserve to be classified in a way that recognizes their work is on par with the work of other public servants classified as first responders; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard Burr introduced the reclassification bill in the Senate, where it remained; and

WHEREAS, 911 dispatchers are working with elected officials to re-introduce this legislation with the next Congress, and local support will assist this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners is in support of such a legislative change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners is in support of bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 dispatchers from “Office and Administrative Support” to “Protective Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget’s Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of January 2023.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 5th day of January 2023.

Melvin “Skip” Alston, Chairman
Guilford County Board of Commissioners