

County of Duplin

Office of the County Commissioners



**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF DUPLIN SUPPORTING SENATE
BILL 1175, "SUPPORTING ACCURATE VIEWS OF EMERGENCY
SERVICES ACT OF 2021"**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first line of response during an emergency, serving as the foundation for an effective response, they deserve to be classified in a way that recognizes their work is on par with the work of other public servants currently classified as first responders; and

WHEREAS, the work of Public Safety Telecommunicators comes with an emotional and physical impact, compounded by long hours and the around-the-clock nature of the job, which research has suggested may lead to the development of posttraumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, Classifying Public Safety Telecommunicators as a protective service occupation corrects an inaccurate representation in the Standard Occupational Classification, to recognize the lifesaving work they perform, to better align the Standard Occupational Classification; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, U.S. Representative 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 Telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support" to "Protective Service Occupations" in the Office of Management and Budget's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Catalog; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard Burr introduced the reclassification bill in the United States Senate, "Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2021," where it currently remains; and

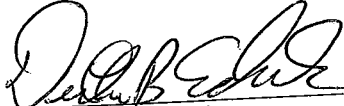
WHEREAS, Telecommunicators are working with local elected officials, requesting support to re-introduce this legislation with the current Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Duplin County Board of Commissioners is in support of this legislative change;


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County is in support of bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 Telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support" to "Protective

Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget’s Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 2023.


Dexter B. Edwards, Chairman
Duplin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Davis H. Brinson, Clerk to the Board

