

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF HALIFAX COUNTY 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 remains; 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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of April, 2023.



Vernon J. Bryant, Chairman

Halifax County Board of Commissioners

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