

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 Dispatchers from "Office and Administrative Support" to "Protective Service Occupations" in the Office of Management and Budget's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Catalog;

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 currently classified as first responders;

WHEREAS, Senator Richard Burr introduced the reclassification bill in the United States Senate, where it remains;

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

WHEREAS, the Martin County (NC) Board of Commissioners is in support of such a legislative change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MARTIN (NC):

That the Martin County (NC) 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 8th day of March

Ronnie Smith, Chairman

Martin County Board of Commissioners

Julia S. Rease Clerk to the Board