

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF MITCHELL COUNTY 911 DISPATCHERS

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, US Norma T. 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 Services 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 United States Senate, where it remained and;

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

WHEREAS, the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners is in support of such a legislative change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That the Mitchell 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 21st day of February, 2023.

Taylor McCurry, Clerk to the Board

Steve Pitman, Chairman