NORTH CAROLINA ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATORS

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

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners are in support of such a legislative change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners that they are in support of federal 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.

This 6th day of March, 2023.

MARK F. RICHARDSON, CHAIRMAN

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

SUSAN O. WASHBURN

CLERK TO THE BOARD