

**WHEREAS**, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America has declared the week beginning April 14, 2019 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week;" and

WHEREAS, over one-half million dedicated men and women are engaged in the operation of emergency response systems for Federal, State, County, and Local governmental entities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, these "unseen first responders" are responsible for responding to the telephone calls of the general public for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance and for dispatching such assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans place their trust in these individuals, not just this week, but every day of the year, and rely on their knowledge and professionalism as they make critical decisions, obtain information, and quickly dispatch needed aid; and

WHEREAS, such calls include not only police, fire, and emergency medical service calls, but those governmental communications related to natural disasters, forestry and conservation operations, highway safety and maintenance activities, and all other operations which modern governmental agencies must conduct; and

WHEREAS, Maine's public safety telecommunicators daily serve the public in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14. 2019 as

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in Maine, and I urge all the citizens of Maine to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, activities, and appreciation for these outstanding individuals.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this first day of April Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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