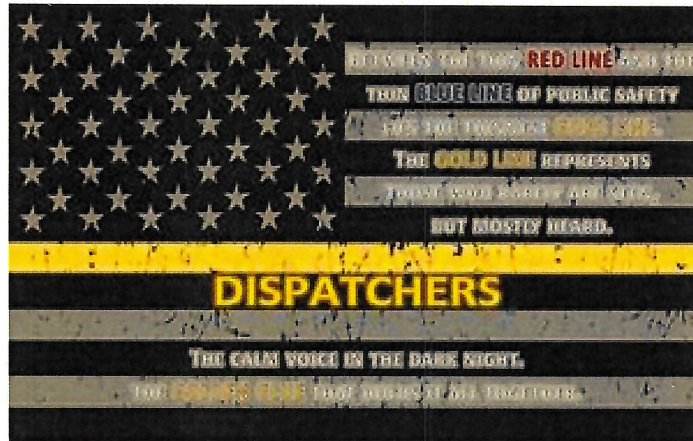




# PROCLAMATION

National Public Safety  
Telecommunications Week  
April 12 – 18, 2020



**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the City of DeKalb emergency communications center; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the City of DeKalb have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

**THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby declare local recognition and celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 12 through 18, 2020 in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



  
JERRY SMITH, Mayor