

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JACKSON )  
COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1629 )  
AND SENATE BILL 1015, THE 911 SAVES ACT )

ORDER NO. 122-20

WHEREAS, the Federal government's Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS) sorts workers into occupational categories for statistical purposes according to the nature of the work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or training needed to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, America's 911 telecommunicators are currently categorized in SOCS as Office and Administrative Support occupations; a category which includes secretaries, office clerks, and taxicab dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, classifying 911 telecommunicators in this category fails to recognize their central role in public safety and homeland security, their specialized training and skills, and their uniquely stressful work environment; and

WHEREAS, classifying public safety telecommunicators as Protective Service Occupations; alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job it is to protect our communities would better reflect the work they perform, and align the SOCS with related classification systems.

Now, therefore,

The Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County PROCLAIMS:

1. To call upon all members of Oregon's U.S. Congressional delegation to co-sponsor House Bill 1629 and Senate Bill 1015, the 911 SAVES Act, which would direct the White House Office of Management and Budget to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as a Protective Service Occupation.
2. To continue to advocate for an accurate statistical classification for 911 professionals to support critical research into the nature and impacts of 911 jobs, which differ substantially from those encountered by non-public safety office and administrative support occupations.

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DATED this 5th day of August, 2020, at Medford, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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