



WHEREAS, emergencies in Gaston County can occur at anytime that require law enforcement, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of Gaston County law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and the preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Gaston County 911 Communications Center; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Telecommunicators are responsible for maintaining and operating dispatch system for law enforcement, fire and medical calls, as well as handling both emergency and non-emergency calls for service; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics, by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Telecommunicators have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and,

WHEREAS, the second full week in April has been set aside to recognize public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 13 - 19, 2025 as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

in Gaston County to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey

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