



**PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING THE ROLE CHAFFEE COUNTY 911 DISPATCHERS HAVE AS FIRST
RESPONDERS**

WHEREAS, Chaffee County, facing a world-wide pandemic with COVID-19, understands that there has been an increased demand for the services of 911 dispatchers and emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, Chaffee County recognizes the duties Chaffee County Emergency 911 Dispatchers perform on a daily basis as they are the first in line defense to the safety of the citizens and emergency personnel who respond to calls; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is attempting to finalize the 911 Saves Act which would change the name and classification of 911 Dispatchers to First Responders; and

WHEREAS, since the 911 Saves Act has not passed Congress at this time, the County wishes to recognize the increased duties Chaffee County Emergency 911 Dispatchers perform and how their work is similar with that of first responders; and

WHEREAS, all Chaffee County Emergency Communication's dispatchers are trained in emergency medical dispatch, qualifying them to offer a variety of potentially lifesaving instructions including CPR, bleeding control, choking, childbirth and airway control over the telephone until paramedics arrive on scene; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, approximately 1400 calls were initiated for medical and fire emergency services wherein dispatchers provided instructions and guidance, for a many of those calls, including calls where the 9-1-1 dispatchers assisted callers in performing CPR, and other lifesaving tasks; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement and emergency medical/fire agencies in Chaffee County fully support this recognition and acknowledgement of the duties 911 dispatchers perform on a daily basis

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, that the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, Chaffee County Colorado, do hereby recognize the duties the Chaffee County 911 Dispatchers perform on a daily basis as first responders to emergency personnel and their supporting role to the public, police, fire, and medical workers.

Approved on this 1st day of September, 2020

Board of Commissioners


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