



# *Proclamation*

## **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK April 9-15, 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of law enforcement, 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 Palo Alto Communications Center; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety dispatchers are the single vital link for our law enforcement and fire personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety dispatchers of the City of Palo Alto Communications Center 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Palo Alto to observe the week of April 9-15, 2023, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week" and join in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Presented: April 10, 2023

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**Lydia Kou**  
**Mayor**