



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center is the regional public safety answering point for Mesa County, serving over 150,000 residents and two million visitors annually and providing dispatch services to 23 Mesa County public safety agencies; and
- Whereas,** 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators handle more than 300,000 calls annually and are critically important public safety first responders who quickly identify the location and problem of the 9-1-1 caller, and provide direction to keep callers safe or medical instruction prior to the ambulance's arrival; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators are accredited through the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in the provision of emergency medical instructions to callers in crisis; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators dispatch more than 150,000 calls for service annually to law enforcement, fire and EMS while providing critical information to responding units, helping them prepare for their arrival; and
- Whereas,** the Communication Center provides dispatchers who respond to critical incidents supporting the incident commander for out-of-control fires or SWAT operations for barricaded subjects or school lockdowns; and
- Whereas,** our telecommunicators notify the public when critical law enforcement or fire events occur in their area and provide instructions for evacuation or shelter in place; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators of the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center provide a voice in the darkness and calm in the chaos.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of April 9 - 15, 2023 as

## *“National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”*

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to help recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; honor and recognize the importance and contributions of the Nation's public safety communications professionals; and encourage the people of the United States and our community to remember the value of the work performed by public safety communications professionals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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Mayor

