

• **PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE DISPATCHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

# Town of Atherton



## Proclamation

### IN RECOGNITION OF ATHERTON'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the Town of Atherton, along with the entire community, would like to honor the contributions of all Communications personnel in the public safety arena for their continued efforts to preserve public safety through our 9-1-1, non-emergency lines, and dispatch of our police personnel to thousands of calls for service each year across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the second week of April is dedicated to the personnel who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina Chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the Town of Atherton would like to declare National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 13 – 19, 2025) which has been set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication, which provides a vital link to the public safety services on which we have come to rely every day; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the Town of Atherton wish to thank them for all the sacrifices they make to create a better and safer world for the public. Their commitment to the profession is appreciated by the public safety communications community, and the citizens we serve; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON, AND ON BEHALF OF THE ATHERTON CITY COUNCIL**, do hereby proclaim that the week of April 13-19, be recognized as Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Atherton to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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Elizabeth Lewis, Mayor  
Town of Atherton