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Proclamation

Proclaim April 10-16, 2022 to be Public Safety Telecommunicators Appreciation Week

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Whereas, emergencies requiring police, fire, or medical services occur at any time; and

Whereas, prompt police, fire, or medical response is critical to the protection of life and the preservation of property; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators in the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC) are the first contact for our community's calls for help for emergency services; and

Whereas, BOEC Public Safety Telecommunicators are professionals with expertise in police, fire, medical, and Portland Street Response dispatch protocols; and

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Whereas, 911 calls continue to increase during 2022; and

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Introduced by

<u>Mayor Ted Wheeler;</u> <u>Commissioner Mingus Mapps</u>

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Requested Agenda Type Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date April 13, 2022 Time Requested 15 minutes Public Safety Telecommunicators Appreciation Week

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Documents and Exhibits

Proclamation (127.93 Kb)

Agenda Items

270 Regular Agenda in <u>April 13-14, 2022 Council Agenda</u>

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