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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 13 – 19, 2015 AS EMERGENCY DISPATCHER WEEK IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of Firefighters, Police officers and Paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our residents have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Oakland Fire Dispatch and Oakland Police Dispatch Communications Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, all Oakland Fire Dispatchers and Supervisors are Certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers, and the Oakland Fire Dispatch Center holds the distinction of being only 1 of 14 Centers in the State of California currently recognized as an Accredited Center of Excellence in the Emergency Dispatching Field; and

**WHEREAS**, out of over 2,900 Dispatch Centers using Emergency Medical Dispatch, there are only 140 current Internationally Accredited Centers of Excellence in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Fire Dispatch Center has achieved the honorable recognition of being named the 137<sup>th</sup> Emergency Dispatch Center in the world to become an Internationally Accredited Dispatching Center of Excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our firefighters and police officers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers of the City of Oakland have contributed substantially to the suppression of fires, treatment of patients, and apprehension of criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, our dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby declares the week of April 13 – 19, 2015 to be National Emergency Dispatcher Week in the City of Oakland, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and residents safe.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland, California