PROCLAMATION

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 police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers are the first contact our residents have with emergency services and are the vital link to our police officers and firefighters by providing information that ensures their safety; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers are the "unseen first responders", who are knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with other police, fire and medical personnel; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers of the Joplin Police Department have sustained critical communications during disasters, contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job and daily serve the public in countless ways without recognition by the beneficiaries of their services.

Now, therefore, I, Gary L. Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14th – 20th, 2019, as

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK

and urge all the citizens of the City of Joplin to join in this observance to honor those whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and our residents safe.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor