



State of Colorado  
The House of Representatives  
Convened in the  
Seventy-third General Assembly

Hereby acknowledges and honors

*National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week*

*National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County California Sheriff's Office in 1981. In 1994, it was formally recognized and is celebrated each year during the second full week of April to coincide with National 9-1-1 Education Month. Throughout the COVID crisis and historic wildfire season, Colorado's 9-1-1 professionals have been there for our state, 24-7. They have prioritized the public's health and safety over their own by continuing to work in close quarters, often without access to vital personal protective equipment and some even losing their own homes to fires. They have dealt with constantly changing emergency-response protocols and surges in calls of domestic violence, mental-health crises, and serious at-home illnesses. They have navigated quarantine-induced staffing shortages and, in most communities, no ability to work from home. Like other first responders, they have sacrificed and persevered so that when anyone dials 9-1-1, someone is there to help. On any given day, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are called upon to provide emergency medical instructions to the help they need. They work with colleagues to coordinate the activities of police, fire, and emergency medical crews dealing with active shooters, natural disasters, and other deadly hazards. They require highly specialized training and skills, and they perform uniquely stressful and valuable work. Today, we recognize these men and women, and thank them for their exceptional dedication and service.*

On request of Representatives McCluskie and Pelton  
Given this 12th day of April, 2021, State Capitol, Denver

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alet Barnett", is written over a horizontal line.

Alet Barnett, Speaker of the House of Representatives