

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

*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, in order to better protect such life and preserve such property, the public safety telecommunications industry began on February 16, 1968, when the first 911 call was made in Haleyville, Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, since that date, Public Safety Telecommunicators have continued to serve our country and our local community tirelessly and with compassion, understanding, and professionalism;*

*WHEREAS, the safety of the Belleair Police Department and partner organizations is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from Pinellas County emergency communications centers; and,*

*WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of Pinellas County's emergency communication centers have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients in Belleair; and,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY H. KATICA, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, on behalf of the Commission, do hereby recognize the week of April 14 through 20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our town and citizens safe.*

*GIVEN under our hand and the seal of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this 16th day of APRIL, A.D., 2019.*

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**GARY H. KATICA, MAYOR**