

# PROCLAMATION

## National 9-1-1 Education Month April 2012

**WHEREAS**, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and

**WHEREAS**, 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

**WHEREAS**, the ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-494) established enhanced 9-1-1 as a high national priority as part of our Nation's homeland security and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, people of all ages use 9-1-1, and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and individuals with speech disabilities increasingly communicate with nontraditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and anticipate that these services will be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1, resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1; and

**WHEREAS**, there is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources.

**NOW, therefore, I, [First/Last Name], County Commissioner of [County], do hereby proclaim April 2012 as National 9-1-1 Education Month. I call upon all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, businesses leaders, non-profit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this month with training, events, and activities to educate the public on 9-1-1 and its services.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2012.

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[First/Last Name], County Commissioner

Attest:

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[First/Last Name], Clerk