

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: MARCH 28, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Kendrick Watts, Jr. /cdh* COUNTY MANAGER DATE: March 23, 2016

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NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH**

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 rely on 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes April 2016 as National 9-1-1 Education Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners encourages all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, business 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.

Adopted this 28th day of March 2016.