



**PROCLAMATION NO. 4, SERIES OF 2021
RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCH (911) AS FIRST
RESPONDERS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Vail is elevating the status of its 911 Emergency Dispatchers to First Responders in a move that outpaces a similar effort on the national level; and

WHEREAS, all Vail Public Safety Communication Center dispatchers are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch, qualifying them to offer potentially lifesaving instructions including CPR, bleeding control and instructions to treat choking, childbirth and airway control over the telephone until responders arrive on scene; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 alone, approximately 12,246 calls were initiated for medical and fire emergency services wherein dispatchers provided instructions and guidance. Of those calls, 66 were cardiac arrests, 39 were structure fires, 37 mental health / overdose, and 8 childbirth calls; and

WHEREAS, April 11th – April 17th, 2021 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators week, set aside so that everyone can be made aware of Public Safety Telecommunicators hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vail wishes to recognize the duties Emergency 911 Dispatchers perform daily and how their work is aligned with that of all first responders who answer the call to serve the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, be it resolved that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Vail proclaim that from this day forward Vail Public Safety Communication Center Emergency Dispatchers are hereby **RECOGNIZED** as First Responders essential to the life safety of our citizenry.

Dated this 6th day of April 2021.

Vail Town Council

Attest:



Dave Chapin, Mayor

Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk