IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF HARNEY

Resolution to Recognize 9-1-1 Telecommunicators as Emergency Responders	)))	**Resolution #2020-11**

WHEREAS, Harney County 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, Harney County could not wait for the 911 Saves Act that is stalled in Congress to give our dispatchers the classification of first responders that they have earned and deserve; and,

WHEREAS, all Emergency Telecommunicators within Harney County are trained in emergency medical dispatch qualifying them to offer a variety of potentially lifesaving instructions including CPR, bleeding control, choking, childbirth and airway maintenance over the telephone until paramedics arrive on the scene; and,

WHEREAS, across the nation in times of intense personal crisis and community-wide disasters, the first access point for those seeking all types of emergency services is 911; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Harney County Court that 9-1-1 Telecommunicators within Harney County, who work at the Harney County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center are hereby recognized as important First Responders who serve our community.

ORDERED this 06th day of May, 2020.

HARNEY COUNTY COURT

Pete Runnels, Judge

Patty Dorroh, Commissioner

Kristen Shelman, Commissioner