

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators in Washington state are charged with answering all emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance from both residents and field first responders across the state; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are available around the clock to answer these calls from people in distress; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are also radio lifelines for police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who respond to field emergencies; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are responsible for a wide range of public warnings, including notification of AMBER alerts, hazardous material releases and other threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators endure significant stress and mental impact to carry out these critical functions; and

WHEREAS, countless lives have been saved by prompt, effective and compassionate responses by 9-1-1 telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are truly the first First Responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2026, as

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 1st day of April, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson".

Governor Bob Ferguson