Assembly Resolution No. 239

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 9-15, 2023, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to recognize the vital work and knowledge dispatchers bring during emergencies that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 9-15, 2023, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Congress proclaimed the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to honor and recognize the men and women who serve as the first "first responders" when you need help; and

WHEREAS, Whether you need police, fire or medical personnel, when you call 9-1-1, a dispatcher answers your call for help by gathering vital information to instruct the appropriate agency on the nature of your emergency; and

WHEREAS, Dispatchers are certified to give pre-arrival instructions to the caller in medical emergencies, trained on what questions to ask the caller during police emergencies, and provide instruction to victims of fire emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Dispatchers work around the clock all year-long to support police, firefighters and medics to help keep them and the public safe; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient gratitude cannot be expressed to all those individuals who generously give of their time and talents, working to keep their communities safe; and

WHEREAS, Special recognition should be given to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and they should be acknowledged publicly for the good works they do for the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 9-15, 2023, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.