

**MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION 2021 – J  
CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT  
THE “911 SAVES” ACT**

**Whereas** the federal government’s Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS) sorts workers into occupational categories for statistical purposes, according to the nature of the work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or training needed to perform the work; and

**Whereas** America’s 9-1-1 telecommunicators are currently incorrectly categorized in the SOCS as an “Office and Administrative Support Occupation,” a category which includes secretaries, office clerks, and taxicab dispatchers; and

**Whereas**, classifying 9-1-1 telecommunicators as an “Office and Administrative Support Occupation” fails to recognize their central role in public safety and homeland security, their specialized training and skills, and their uniquely stressful work environment; and

**Whereas**, classifying public safety telecommunicators as “Protective Service Occupations” – alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job it is to protect our communities – would better reflect the work they perform, and align the SOCS with related classification systems;

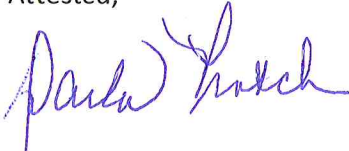
**Now, therefore**, this Board of Supervisors resolves to call upon all members of Pennsylvania’s U.S. House delegation to cosponsor H.R. 2351, the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act (911 SAVES Act), which would direct the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as a “Protective Service Occupation”; and we also call upon our U.S. Senators support its Senate companion, S. 1175; and

**Therefore**, Mt. Pleasant Township Board of Supervisors will continue to advocate for an accurate statistical classification for 9-1-1 professionals to support critical research into the nature and impacts of 9-1-1 jobs, which differ substantially from those encountered by non-public safety “Office and Administrative Support Occupations.”

**Resolved**, that Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) support any legislation that would accurately reclassify in the federal government’s Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS), 9-1-1 professionals (the very first, First Responder) and “Protective Service Occupations” – alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job it is to protect our communities rather than their current incorrect classification of “Office and Administrative Support Occupation”.

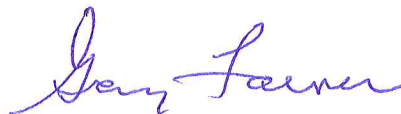
**RESOLVED and ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Attested,



Darla Protch  
Manager - Secretary

Authorized Signature,



Gary Farner  
Chairman  
Board of Supervisors