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As all of you are aware, April is National 9-1-1 Education Month. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of our emergency 9-1-1 services, and its appropriate use, to all of us in Indiana. In addition, April 12 through the 18 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, when all of the hard work by our public safety communication workers is recognized.

As Indiana Treasurer of State, I have the privilege of serving as the Chairman of the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board (Wireless Board), which oversees Indiana's Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) network. I am confident that Indiana's E9-1-1 network has played a role in saving the lives of thousands of our fellow Hoosiers. In addition, the Wireless Board allocates millions of dollars each year to the various public safety answering points (PSAPs) throughout the state, which are staffed by highly skilled dispatchers.

We recognize that at any moment an emergency requiring response from police, fire, and emergency medical personnel may occur, and the role of the public safety telecommunications professionals is vital to ensure citizens receive help; and professional public safety dispatchers insure the protection of human life and property, serving one of the most important links to the preservation of law and order and thereby supporting our Constitution in their everyday work, with diligence and dedication. As the first and most critical contact for citizens in need, professional public safety dispatchers address some of the most challenging issues facing our society and deserve our respect and commitment of support for their devotion, skills and compassion and high quality performance; and the State of Indiana recognizes the fortune we have to be blessed with the services of these men and woman and it is fitting that all Hoosiers become more aware of their work and afforded more opportunities to express their appreciation

The Wireless Board would have no reason to do our job if the well-trained and competent dispatchers did not do theirs. As the Chairman of the Wireless Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dispatchers here in Indiana for their selfless dedication to doing their jobs day in and day out, which is serving all Hoosiers at times of emergency. Thank you for your dedication!