

RESOLUTION



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NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

WHEREAS, the ENHANCED 911 Act of 2004 (PL 108-494) established implementation of Enhanced 9-1-1 as a high priority for homeland security and public safety; and

WHEREAS, because people of all ages and physical conditions use 9-1-1 (including children), it is essential to educate the entire community on the proper use of 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, misuse of 9-1-1 is widespread including prank calls and calling 9-1-1 for non-emergency purposes (e.g., to ask for the current time or the hours the courthouse is open or to report a missing pet) which wastes law enforcement, fire and EMS resources, can lead to motor vehicle crashes and potentially delays responders in reaching scenes of real emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the public should call 9-1-1 first and fast when there is an immediate threat to life, limb or property such as when a crime is in progress or appears likely to occur right away, when a fire has begun or when someone suddenly begins to suffer chest pain, difficulty breathing, slurred speech, weakness on one side of the body, extensive bleeding and/or loss of consciousness; and

WHEREAS, if there any doubt on whether to call 9-1-1, one should dial 9-1-1 without delay; and

WHEREAS, individuals calling 9-1-1 should stay calm, give the address where the emergency is happening, answer the call taker's questions, follow the call-taker's instructions, remember that the questions and instructions do not delay sending public safety resources to you and stay on the line until the call-taker says you can hang up; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers are skilled in and devoted to their work, are a critical part of the emergency response system and should be recognized as such; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors hereby (1) proclaims April 2018 as National 9-1-1 Education Month, (2) calls upon residents of and visitors to Hinds County to observe this month by familiarizing or re-familiarizing themselves and their children on using 9-1-1 correctly (with numerous videos available via an internet search for "videos teaching proper use of 9-1-1," of which there are dozens to view on YouTube and other online sources); and (3) encourages the citizenry to join the Board in thanking and commending all 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers for their vital service.

SO RESOLVED AND ORDERED, this the 2ND day of APRIL, 2018.

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