

WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of Police Officers, Firefighters, and Paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our Police Officers and Firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Westerville Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and are the single vital link for our Police Officers and Firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Westerville Communications center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14 through April 20, 2013 as

## "NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK"

in Westerville, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 2nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi,	Mayor
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