

RESOLUTION
CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT
H.R. 1629, THE “911 SAVES” ACT AND THE SENATE COMPANION BILL

The following resolution was approved by the Owensboro City Commission on [DATE]:

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 commission resolves to call upon all members of Kentucky’s U.S. House delegation to cosponsor H.R. 1629, the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019 (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 to support the companion legislation; and

Therefore, City of Owensboro City Commission 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.”

Signed,

[Names and Titles of Signatories]