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RESOLUTION #26-07

***A Resolution Proclaiming April 12-18, 2026, as
Public Safety Telecommunicator Week In Alpena County.***

District #8
Chairman of the Board
John Kozlowski

Whereas, in 1967, President Johnson’s Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice recommended a nationally uniform three-digit emergency telephone number and in November of that year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) met with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T); shortly thereafter, it was announced that the numbers 9-1-1 were reserved for emergency use nationwide.

District #4
Vice-Chairman
Bill Peterson

Whereas, on February 16, 1968, Alabama Speaker of the House, Mr. Rankin Fite, made the nation’s first 9-1-1 call from the Haleyville City Hall with the first 9-1-1 call in Michigan made in Detroit on October 31, 1973;

Whereas, in 1992 a local concerted effort began with the goal of a 9-1-1 system in Alpena County which, after much work and turmoil, became a reality when the first 9-1-1 call was made in Alpena County on April 1, 1994;

District #1
Commissioner
Bill LaHaie

Whereas, Alpena County Central Dispatch Telecommunicators continue to answer those calls, serving as the first First Responders to our citizens and visitors; and

Whereas, the safety of the police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel rely on the quality and precision of information obtained from citizens who use the 9-1-1 system; and

District #2
Commissioner
Dan Ludlow

Whereas, Alpena County Central Dispatch Telecommunicators provide a vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service personnel by monitoring their status via radio, providing them with information and ensuring their safety; and

Whereas, all Alpena County Central Dispatch 9-1-1 Telecommunicators have assisted with saving many lives and demonstrate professional empathy during the performance of their job duties, and

District #3
Commissioner
Lucille Bray

Whereas, many unfortunate events in our national, state and local history have clearly demonstrated the essential role Public Safety Telecommunicators play in the emergency services arena, and

Whereas, on October 9th, 1991, the United States Congress took official legislative action designating the second week in April of each year as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week,

District #5
Commissioner
Brenda Fournier

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2026 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Alpena County, honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners urges county residents to join with them in honoring and commending the Public Safety Telecommunicators of Alpena County who answer and dispatch our 9-1-1 calls for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance.

District #6
Commissioner
Todd Britton

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ to adopt Resolution #26-07 as presented.
Motion carried.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alpena)

John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

District #7
Commissioner
Travis Konarzewski

I, Keri Bertrand, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Alpena, the same Court of Record and having a seal, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the Resolution adopted by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at the April 14, 2026 session and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

County Administrator
Jesse Osmer

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 14th day of April 2026.

Keri Bertrand, County Clerk