

RESOLUTION NO. 15-225

WHEREAS, in 1968, Congress designated 9-1-1 as the universal emergency telephone number in North America; and,

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1968, the first-ever 9-1-1 call was placed from city hall in Haleyville Alabama by Alabama Speaker of the House, Rankin Fite to U.S. Representative Tom Bevill at the city's police station; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Madison County 9-1-1 Center was first established in 1992, and a new building and updated 9-1-1 system became operational in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Madison County 9-1-1 System was the first 9-1-1 Center in Alabama to collocate all local law enforcement, fire & rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers under one roof, reducing operational expenses while improving emergency response times and accuracy; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Madison County 9-1-1 System remains the largest and most technologically capable 9-1-1 Center in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Madison County 9-1-1 System has recently installed a state-of-the art Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency telephone system and the State's first IP-based simulcast P25 digital radio system; and,

WHEREAS, countless lives and property have been saved in Huntsville and Madison County and surrounding areas due to its advanced technical capabilities and dedicated, highly trained personnel; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the City Council recognizes the 9-1-1 professionals, the true first, first responders, who make this possible every day, and in April of each year, 9-1-1 is celebrated throughout America during **National 9-1-1 Telecommunicators' Week**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED by the Mayor and the Huntsville City Council, that the month of April 2015, be and the same is hereby proclaimed as

HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY 9-1-1 MONTH

in Huntsville, Alabama, in recognition for the significant contributions the Huntsville-Madison County 9-1-1 System has made to the health and safety of the people of Huntsville and in appreciation for it has done to make Huntsville a better place in which to live.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of April, 2015.

President of the City Council
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this 9th day of April, 2015.

Mayor
City of Huntsville, Alabama