

# County of Santa Rosa

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, professional telecommunicators are not visible as the men and women who arrive at the scene of emergencies, but provide a vital link to public safety services as part of the first responder team, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, telecommunicators are critical to our county's emergency response and homeland security services, dispatching law enforcement, ambulances, firefighters, and other emergency responders 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, the critical functions performed by professional telecommunicators also include those related to forestry and conservation operations, highway safety and maintenance activities and many operations performed by federal, state, and local government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, telecommunicators work to improve the emergency response capabilities of these communications systems through their leadership and participation in training programs, exercises and other activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 10 - 16, 2016 as

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

in Santa Rosa County in honor and recognition of our telecommunicators and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well being of our citizens.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners on this the 24th day of March, 2016.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY**

By   
**Jayer Williamson, Vice-Chairman**

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**WHEREAS**, floods can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding creates emergencies of great concern to Santa Rosa County, with imminent threat to life and property, and causes hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and local government infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has received 21 presidential disaster declarations for flooding since 2000, and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa County has suffered major flooding events in 1998, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2014 causing millions of dollars in damages and destroying or damaging thousands of homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, damage from a flood is not normally covered under a standard homeowners policy, residents are encouraged to review their flood risk and purchase flood insurance to protect their property from flood; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has named March 13 – 19, 2016 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week and June 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of Hurricane Season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County concur that a public that is well informed of the dangers associated with flooding can improve its preparedness and reduce the occurrence of death and injury as a result of severe flooding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County that the week of March 21 - 25, 2016 is proclaimed

### **Flood Safety Awareness Week**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners on this 24th day of March, 2016.



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**WHEREAS**, the annual economic impact of the military and defense presence in the Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field and NAS Whiting Field host communities of Walton County, Okaloosa County and Santa Rosa County exceeds \$10,000,000,000 and the military and defense presence in these three counties accounts for more than 85,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field and NAS Whiting Field are critically important components and leaders in the national defense system of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, these three counties, working through the regional Tri-County Defense Support Initiative have partnered with the Florida Defense Alliance for 18 years and the Florida Defense Support Task Force since its inception 5 years ago to support, sustain and grow the military installations and their missions in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, COL Rocky McPherson USMC (ret) has provided outstanding leadership, vision and integrity for the Florida Defense Alliance and Florida Defense Support Task Force for 9 years serving as the Vice President for Defense and Military Programs for Enterprise Florida, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Rocky McPherson has provided outstanding stewardship of state programs serving Florida's 21 military installations and their local and regional community defense support organizations and has shown great appreciation and understanding of all matters military and defense in Northwest Florida as well as the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Rocky McPherson previously served 5 distinguished years as Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rocky McPherson graduated from the United States Naval Academy and retired from the USMC as an A6 Driver after serving his country for 29 years and was inducted into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2015 for his deep support and action on behalf of Florida's military veterans in the years since his Marine Corps retirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, does hereby honor and thank COL Rocky McPherson USMC (ret) for his long and distinguished service to the country, state and Santa Rosa County and for his unending support of Florida's active duty and retired military members.

**PRESENTED** on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



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