



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, the amateur radio station becomes a critical communication link in the event of a disaster, and volunteer radio operators provide situational awareness to emergency managers during and after disasters; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the services Florida's amateur radio operators provide to our many emergency response organizations, including the Northern, Southern, and West Central Florida sections of the American Radio Relay League, under the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES); and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these amateur radio operators who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau in Florida; and

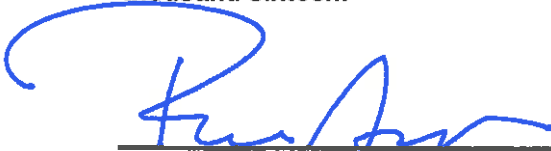
WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League is the largest organization for amateur radio in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Field Day will take place on June 25-26, 2016 and is a 24 hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 20-26, 2016, as *Amateur Radio Week in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this third day of June, in the year two thousand sixteen.



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