



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Florida amateur radio operators have been broadcasting over the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster, amateur radio is an essential communication link to provide situational awareness to emergency managers during and after disasters; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio continues to provide a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators provide countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, the state recognizes the services that amateur radio has provided to our many Emergency Response Organizations; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the U.S. Government Weather Bureau in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League is the largest organization for amateur radio in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, as the largest organization for amateur radio in the United States, the American Radio Relay League will host the American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Field Day exercise on June 27-28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise serves as a demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management values the partnerships amateur radio operators have provided during past hurricane seasons by allowing the state to maintain constant communication with impacted counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management looks forward to further developing these partnerships by providing additional training for amateur radio operators, which better prepares the state for responding to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Week in Florida is an opportunity to honor and recognize the valuable work of those operators who provide communication and information to people all over the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 22-28, 2020, 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 22nd day of June, in the year two thousand twenty.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written over a horizontal line.
Governor