

Ron DeSantis Governor

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK IN FLORIDA

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

WHEREAS, amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services, both in emergencies and to other local organizations, throughout these decades; and

WHEREAS, these amateur radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida recognizes the services amateur radio operators provide to our many Emergency Response organizations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, these same individuals 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service and participate as AUXCOMM resources, under the incident command system (ICS); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing the week of June 19–25, 2023, 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 Capitol, this 19th day of June, in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Governor