

WHEREAS, amateur radio has historically played a significant role in developing worldwide radio communications; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are instrumental in serving the United States of America and the State of Illinois, consistently providing behind-the-scenes support for emergency response and other critical needs; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides outstanding volunteer communications for agencies including the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health, National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Central Illinois Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disaster and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has more than 20,000 amateur radio operators who repeatedly donate time, equipment, and services to help their communities; and,

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators help to forward the science of electronics and radio-related communications; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois radio amateurs will continue to hone their communications skills by operating during a simulated emergency preparedness exercise known as Field Day on June 24-25, 2023;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Amateur Radio Month in Illinois and encourage all residents to join me in this admirable observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this _____ the day of _____, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and _

FIFTH

SECRETARY OF STATE