

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, licensed amateur radio operators throughout South Carolina and the nation consistently demonstrate their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications during natural disasters and other non-weather related catastrophes as well as by serving as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, as an integral part of emergency preparedness and public safety, South Carolina's licensed amateur radio operators generously donate countless hours of their time and equipment, operating privately-owned communications resources for the welfare and common good of our residents; and

WHEREAS, these amateur radio services are provided wholly uncompensated and further demonstrate 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, by establishing badges of friendship and sharing of ideas, amateur radio continues to provide a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries; and

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

WHEREAS, this year's annual Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, June 26 - 27, 2021, provides an opportunity for radio amateurs to practice setting up and operating field radio stations and demonstrate their skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communication, without the need for further infrastructure, throughout the United States and the world in preparation for handling actual emergencies; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 observance of Amateur Radio Week, enthusiasts will take part in activities to raise awareness of the importance of amateur radio operators in public assistance during critical times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 21 - 27, 2021, as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

and June 26 - 27, 2021, as

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize amateur radio operators for their many contributions, including emergency communications and other public service work, to the continued safety of the residents of the Palmetto State.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA