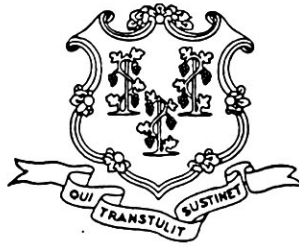


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over 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 throughout these decades; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operator's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people also provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including local police, fire and ambulance companies; 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 Connecticut recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

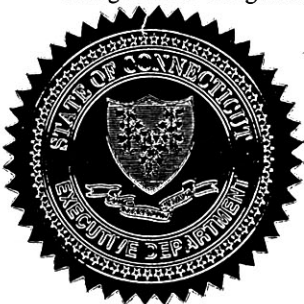
WHEREAS, Amateur Radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the USA and in the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 27-28, 2009 and is a 24 hour emergency encampment exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in fields without further infrastructure; now

THEREFORE, I M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the state of Connecticut, do hereby officially recognize and designate June 22-28, 2009 as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK
In the state of Connecticut



M. Jodi Rell
Governor