

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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 people, 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 which have been provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes and appreciates the importance of the amateur radio operators who participate in the SKYWARN program of the National Weather Service, providing early warning of severe storms throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, These Amateur Radio operators have demonstrated their continued modern relevance by providing emergency communications and public service during recent disasters in Kansas, such as the Greensburg tornado, ice storms and blizzards throughout the State, and the Osawatomie flooding; and

WHEREAS, The State also recognizes the service Amateur Radio operators provide to local emergency response organizations, in addition to relief agencies such as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature further recognized the continued importance of Amateur Radio by unanimously enacting the Kansas Emergency Communications Preservation Act, during their 2008 session; and

WHEREAS, The American Radio Relay League (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 exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in locations without further infrastructure;

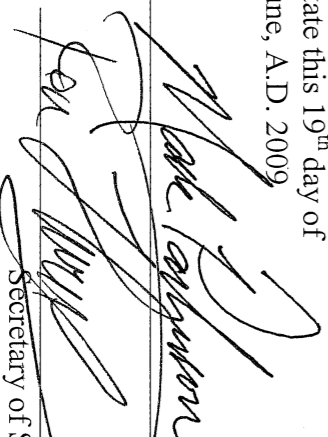
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2009 as

Amateur Radio Week

in recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise, and call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the Amateur Radio operators of our State.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 19th day of
June, A.D. 2009

BY THE GOVERNOR:


Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

