



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee has more than 19,000 licensed amateur radio operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio and public service communications; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer amateur radio operators provide excellent emergency communications for numerous state and federal agencies in times of natural disasters and other emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, by example, and sharing practical experience, amateur radio operators are able to educate young people about many of the opportunities available in radio and electronics; and

**WHEREAS**, these amateur radio operators are on alert for any emergency and practice their communications skills during the American Radio Relay League's Field Day exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, this event is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the amateur radio operators' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2024 as

*Amateur Radio Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twentieth day of February 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State