



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have been instrumental in serving the United States of America and the State of Tennessee in consistently providing behind the scenes support for our emergency response and other critical needs; and

WHEREAS, volunteer amateur radio operators provide emergency communications for numerous state and federal served agencies including, but not limited to the National Weather Service (acting as trained weather spotters to report during severe weather events); local, state and federal Emergency Management Agencies; state and federal Departments of Health; the American Red Cross; the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) and other agencies in times of natural disasters and other emergencies, providing these services at no cost, solely at the amateur radio operators' expense, and solely for the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, including use of new digital and satellite communication technologies, amateur radio operators have helped to forward the science of electronics and radio related communications; and

WHEREAS, by example, teaching and practical experience, including the opportunity to communicate with amateurs in space, amateur radio operators teach young people the opportunities available in radio and electronics;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2017, 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 tenth day of April, 2017.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State