



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, amateur radio provides excellent volunteer emergency communications for agencies including: the National Weather Service, state and local Tennessee Emergency Management Agencies, the Tennessee Department of Health, the American Red Cross, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disasters and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee amateur radio operators have demonstrated this support over many decades, and more specifically in recent times by providing communications assistance during the floods of 2010, the tornadoes in both Tennessee and neighboring states in 2011, and early tornadoes in Tennessee in 2012; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators voluntarily study to be trained weather spotters who report during severe weather events across Tennessee, thereby assisting the National Weather Service with ground activity reports which can save lives; and

WHEREAS, amateur operators participate in both class work and training exercises to become an integral part of the working unit with both the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency as well as individual County Emergency Management Agencies during actual disaster events, at which times they act as trained backup communications for these agencies; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators use their communications skills to assist in reporting weather events, to assist in shelter operations and to be available during rescue and relief activities, helping to keep their neighbors and all Tennesseans safer; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators assist in public service events such as bicycle rides, walks, airshows and parades; and

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, 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; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these services and to practice their skills, amateur radio operators across Tennessee will participate in Field Day on June 23-24, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 23-29, 2012, as

Amateur Radio Field Day



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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 11th day of June, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State

