



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 served agencies including: National Weather Service, Tennessee Emergency Management agencies, Tennessee Department of Health, the American Red Cross, 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, more specifically, in recent times providing communications assistance during the floods of 2010 and the tornadoes in Tennessee and neighboring states in 2011 and in Tennessee in early 2012; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators act as 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 radio operators regularly assist with communications during times of tornado, ice storms and flood emergencies, using their communications skills to help in reporting the weather events, to assist in shelter operations and to be available during rescue and relief activities, thereby helping to keep the lives and property of Tennesseans safe; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17-23, 2013, 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 thirteenth day of June, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Knight in blue ink.

Secretary of State

