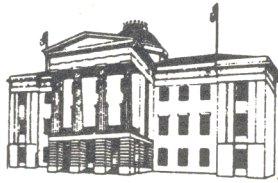


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

AMATEUR RADIO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to over 18,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, also known as "hams" according to the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast of the human voice through the air by an amateur radio operator; and

WHEREAS for the past century ham radio operators have experimented with and perfected technologies we all enjoy today such as television, high fidelity FM, cellular telephones and VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol); and

WHEREAS amateur radio operators have a proud tradition of public service and have provided emergency communications following numerous hurricanes, floods and storms in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS Amateur Radio was formally inducted into the U.S. Citizen Corps of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003 because of its value in disaster operations; and

WHEREAS both the White House and Congressional reports on the response to Hurricane Katrina praised amateur radio for its role in providing emergency communications when regular and cellular telephone service and internet service failed; and

WHEREAS since 1949, North Carolina amateur radio operators have been meeting on the air daily for the past 57 years at 7:30 P.M. on 3923 KHz. for *The Tar Heel Evening Net* to exchange good will and to test their skills and equipment to respond in an emergency; and

WHEREAS June 24th and 25th marks the 73rd annual Field Day, an event in which amateur radio operators around the world test their equipment simultaneously under simulated emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS all North Carolinians have benefited from this dedicated corps of volunteer communications professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim June 18-25, 2006, as "AMATEUR RADIO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK" in North Carolina, and I call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the Amateur Radio operators of our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Easley".

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.