

Proclamation

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are celebrating nearly a century since the first human voice broadcast over the airwaves, and radio continues to provide a bridge between people, societies, and countries; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have provided countless hours of volunteer community service during emergencies, lending their talents free of charge to local organizations for decades; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators offer invaluable assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs, and other events; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League, also known as ARRL, is the national association for amateur radio operators, and the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place from June 25 to June 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise is a 24-hour emergency preparedness program that demonstrates the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications to the community; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County celebrates the diligence of the operators, known as "hams," who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County recognizes the services amateur radio operators provide to emergency response organizations including Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Office of Emergency Management, the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, and the City of Temple Terrace,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby declare June 20 to June 26, 2022 as

Amateur Radio Week

in Hillsborough County, and encourages all residents to show their appreciation for the dedication, spirit of service, and expertise of all amateur radio operators in the community.

Executed this 5th day of May, 2022



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