



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services, both in emergencies and to other local organizations, throughout these decades; and

**WHEREAS**, these amateur radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

**WHEREAS**, the state also recognizes the services amateur radio operators provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including the American Red Cross, and the State and Local Emergency Operations Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs, and other charitable public events; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national association for amateur radio in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARRL's Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 24-25, 2023, and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023, to be

**AMATEUR RADIO WEEK**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*

SECRETARY OF STATE