

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: More than 8,000 Arkansans and more than 765,000 individuals nationwide enjoy the hobby of being amateur radio operators (HAMS) from preteen to senior citizens;

WHEREAS: Many of these HAMS diligently in times of emergency monitor their ham radios in local and statewide communication links constantly aware of severe weather conditions, and many are trained observers who assist SKYWARN® Nets, local news outlets, and local authorities to communicate what is happening; and when traditional communications fail, they can backup government and private organizations with communication links using their personal radios and state wide links when requested;

WHEREAS: Almost every month in a normal year, HAMS supply communication links somewhere in the State of Arkansas for Public Service Activities where there is no cell service or where communication needs to be shared between multiple locations and it is not appropriate for government service communications; and

WHEREAS: These Volunteer Amateur Operators give their time, the use of their equipment and their continuous training equaling tens of thousands of dollars and expect nothing in exchange and seek no compensation from those they serve nor compensation from government, and often find themselves in precarious situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18th through 25th, 2023 as

“AMATEUR RADIO WEEK IN ARKANSAS”

And urge the citizens of the state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2023.




Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary of State