

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of transmitting the human voice 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, amateur radio's people also provide critical services to our many emergency response organizations including the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and local government agencies; and
- WHEREAS, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, marathons, fairs, and other charitable public events; and
- WHEREAS, amateur radio studies can provide a "real world" compliment to STEM education; and
- WHEREAS, these "hams" also practice due diligence as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and
- WHEREAS, this year's American Radio Relay League's amateur Radio Field Day exercise on June 24 - 25, 2023, is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 25, 2023, as

### AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize amateur radio operators for their many contributions, including emergency communications and other public service work, to the continued safety of the residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster", is written in a cursive style. It is located to the right of the seal and above the printed name of the Governor.

HENRY MCMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA