

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, amateur radio has historically played a significant role in developing world wide radio communications; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are instrumental in serving the United States of America and the State of Illinois, consistently providing behind-the-scenes support for emergency response and other critical needs; and,

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides excellent volunteer emergency communications for agencies including the National Weather Service, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and others in times of natural disaster and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has more than 20,000 amateur radio operators who repeatedly donate their time, equipment, and services to help their communities; and,

WHEREAS, by continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators help to forward the science of electronics and radio-related communications; and,

WHEREAS, by example, teaching, and practical experience, including the opportunity to communicate with amateurs in space, amateur radio operators teach young people the opportunities available in radio and electronics; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Radio Amateurs will continue to hone their communication skills by operating during the simulated emergency preparedness exercise known as "Field Day" on June 24-25, 2017;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 as **AMATEUR RADIO MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
NINETY-NINTH
one hundred and _____.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR