



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## 2012 AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

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

WHEREAS, amateur radio continues 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's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho also recognizes the services that amateur radio's people also provide to our many emergency response organizations during power outages and other natural disasters; 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 in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn programs of the U.S. Government Weather Bureau; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the United States, and in the Japanese tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2012 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, over 225 Idahoans will be participating at 20 locations within Idaho;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim June 18-24 to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the many accomplishments and opportunities in communications that these Amateur Radio operators make possible for people everywhere.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE