



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

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 people, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

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

WHEREAS, amateur radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho also recognizes the services amateur radio's people 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 throughout Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skyward program of the National Weather Service; 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 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 28-29, 2014 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 23 through June 29 to be

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

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 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eight and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE