

SPONSOR: Rep. Smyk on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2019 AS AMATEUR RADIO MONTH IN DELAWARE.

| 1 | WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast |
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| 2 | over the airwaves; and |
| 3 | WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by |
| 4 | creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in |
| 6 | emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and |
| 7 | WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people also provide to our many Emergency |
| 9 | Response organizations, including Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Delaware State Police, our three Counties, |
| 10 | several hospital organizations, the Division of Public Health, and the Delaware Electric Cooperative; and |
| 11 | WHEREAS, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free |
| 12 | radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "Hams" who also serve as |
| 14 | weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and |
| 16 | WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 22-23, 2019 and is a 24 hour |
| 17 | emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting |
| 18 | communications without further infrastructure being required.; |
| 19 | NOW, THEREFORE: |
| 20 | BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that |
| 21 | we do hereby officially recognize and designate June 16-23 as Amateur Radio Week. |