



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to 18,715 Amateur Radio Operators carrying on the legacy of a century of human voice transmitted over the airwaves. Amateur radio continues to provide a bridge among societies and countries, cultivating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and
- WHEREAS:** Amateur radio operators statewide have provided countless hours of community service in STEM education such as the ARISS program, weather spotting in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service, and backup communications services to police and fire departments, American Red Cross, local charitable events, and other vital organizations throughout the region; and
- WHEREAS:** Highlighting their immense community impact, Georgia amateur radio operators will lead a nationwide yearly event sponsored by the ARRL called "Field Day" as an emergency preparedness exercise that will take place between June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. This event will demonstrate amateur radio skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the diligence of these "Hams" who possess immense value in our highly modern technical world by providing emergency communications when other systems may fail; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 16-23, 2024, as AMATEUR RADIO WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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