



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 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 also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people also provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including Sonoma County agencies ACS; 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and City of Santa Rosa recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the SkyWarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the USA and in the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio provided radio support during the 2017 Wild Fires, and the Flooding of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 22-23, 2019 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.

WHEREAS, Sonoma County Radio Amateurs is celebrating 80 years of service to Santa Rosa

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council do proclaim June 17-23rd, 2019 as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
June 18, 2019