



# Proclamation #16-109

## AMATEUR RADIO WEEK JUNE 20 TO 26, 2016

**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 during emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

**WHEREAS**, these Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

**WHEREAS**, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio operators provide to our many emergency response organizations on the local, state and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, radio operators have 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 South Carolina 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 United State and the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

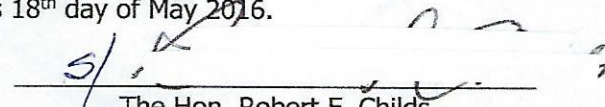
**WHEREAS**, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 25 and 26, 2016, 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.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. Childs, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, hereby proclaimed that June 20 through June 26 shall be designated **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK** in the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

**BE IT SO PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.



  
The Hon. Robert F. Childs  
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest:

  
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk