

WHEREAS, licensed amateur radio operators throughout South Carolina and the nation consistently demonstrate their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications during natural disasters and other non-weather related catastrophes while establishing bridges between individuals and countries through the creation of friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, as an integral part of emergency preparedness and public safety, South Carolina's licensed amateur radio operators generously donate their time and equipment, operating privately-owned communications resources for the welfare and common good of our residents; and

WHEREAS, this year's annual Amateur Radio Field Day exercises, June 27 - 28, 2009, provide an opportunity for amateur radio clubs throughout the United States to practice setting up and operating field radio stations in preparation for handling actual emergencies; and

WHEREAS, during the 2009 observance of Amateur Radio Week, enthusiasts will take part in activities to raise awareness of the importance of amateur radio operators in public assistance during critical times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 28, 2009, as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

and June 27 - 28, 2009, as

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize amateur radio operators for their many contributions, including emergency communications and other public service work, to the continued safety of the residents of the Palmetto State.