

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the human voice being broadcast over the airwaves; and
- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between people, societies and countries, by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and
- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated while providing countless hours of community service; and
- WHEREAS, the State recognizes the services Amateur Radio members provide to many emergency response organizations, including: City of Vancouver Police and Fire Departments, Clark Regional Emergency Service Agency, the Clark County Sheriff's Office; and
- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has proven itself relevant in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed; 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 ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA. The ARRL Remote Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place June 24-25, 2023 and is a 24-hour emergency encampment exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in fields without further infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as:

## "Amateur Radio Week"

in recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise and call upon all residents to pay appropriate tribute to the Amateur Radio operators of our City.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR