



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators play a vital role in emergency communications preparedness plans for the United States, Minnesota, and many local government agencies; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations, including Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), are trained to provide effective emergency communication and support in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations provide communication resources and support for many community and public events in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators donate time, equipment, and expertise to provide communication resources and support for many community and public events in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur operators are trained in spotting and reporting severe weather to assist the National Weather Service and Minnesota through the SKYWARN program; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio clubs throughout Minnesota provide courses of instruction and assist elementary and high school students on amateur radio operations, enhancing young people's interest in science, geography, and physics, and invites students to explore opportunities for their futures; and

WHEREAS: The ARRL Field Day – a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise – will take place June 23–24, 2024, and host a demonstration of Radio Amateurs' skills, abilities, and readiness to provide supporting communications to public agencies without additional infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 23–24, 2024, as:

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' RECOGNITION DAYS

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7th day of June.




GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE