

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 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 the City of Delray Beach; 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 city of Delray Beach 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, 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 24-25, 2017 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, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2017 as:

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2017.

**CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR**