



**WHEREAS**, amateur radio operators in Volusia County are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

**WHEREAS**, local operators have provided countless hours of uncompensated community services in emergencies to local governments and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, they provide invaluable services to our many emergency response organizations, including the Volusia County ARES Organization, the DB CERT Amateur Radio Team, the Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association, and the West Volusia Amateur Radio Society; 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 throughout Volusia County; and

**WHEREAS**, Volusia County appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the SKYWARN program of the National Weather Service in Volusia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Radio Relay League, the nation's leading organization for amateur radio, will present a 24-hour Amateur Radio Field Day exercise June 23 and 24 to test emergency preparedness and demonstrate the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, do hereby proclaim June 18 to 24, 2018, as:

### **"AMATEUR RADIO WEEK"**

in Volusia County and urge residents to honor amateur radio operators for providing a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing information.