



WHEREAS, CQ Florida is a consortium of ham radio operators from Daytona Beach to St. Augustine who serve their communities without compensation; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio, often called ham radio, is a hobby and a service in which operators use various types of radio communications equipment to communicate with each other; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 6 million amateur radio operators enjoy personal and worldwide wireless communications with each other; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis and natural disasters, amateur radio operators provide emergency communication when wire lines, cell phones and other conventional means of communications fail; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are experienced in improvising antennas and power sources; they can use hundreds of frequencies and can quickly establish networks tying disparate agencies together to enhance interoperability; and

WHEREAS, the amateur radio operators of CQ Florida will practice their emergency and improvisational skills during the 24-hour American Radio Relay League Field Day on June 23 and 24;
NOW THEREFORE,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim
June 17 to 24, 2018, as:

“CQ FLORIDA 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.

Dated this 16th day of June, A.D. 2018