

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in times of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, New Hanover County has turned to the services of our area's amateur radio operators to provide rapid two-way communications on behalf of County government and other area municipalities when conventional means of electronic communications have failed; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County's four hundred licensed amateur radio operators purchase and maintain their own equipment at their own expense, sharpen and hone radio traffic handling skills through frequent simulated emergency exercises, and volunteer thousands of hours of service to the community without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security now recognizes amateur radio as a vital force in emergency communications, and has provided federal funding for the enhancement and training of amateur radio operators; and

WHEREAS, there are many installations both in and around New Hanover County which could become potential targets of terrorism, and our area's amateur radio operators are now training to handle manmade disasters as well as natural ones; and

WHEREAS, the critical role of amateur radio operators in handling emergency hospital communications in Manhattan following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, prompted New Hanover Health Network to spearhead the creation of the Carolinas Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES) network to fulfill the emergency communications needs of the 13 hospitals in the Coastal Carolinas Health Alliance; and

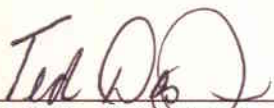
WHEREAS, June 28, and June 29, 2003 mark the 70th anniversary of Field Day, an annual event in which our nation's 700,000 amateur radio operators simultaneously get on-the-air under simulated emergency conditions to exchange on-air reports; and

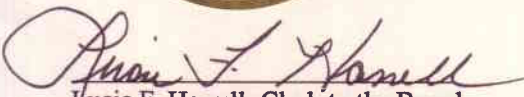
WHEREAS, for over a century, amateur radio operators around the world have provided vital public service and have served as ambassadors in promoting goodwill among nations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners proclaims the week of June 22, 2003 as *Amateur Radio Appreciation Week* in New Hanover County in appreciation of the vital public service provided by Amateur Radio operators and for their service as ambassadors in promoting goodwill among nations.

Adopted the 16th of June, 2003




Ted Davis, Jr., Chairman


Lucie F. Harrell, Clerk to the Board



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In times of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, the City of Wilmington has turned to the services of our area's amateur radio operators to provide rapid two-way communications on behalf of City government and other area municipalities when conventional means of electronic communications have failed; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington's three hundred licensed amateur radio operators purchase and maintain their own equipment at their own expense, sharpen and hone radio traffic handling skill through frequent simulated emergency exercise, and volunteer thousands of hours of service to the community without compensation; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security now recognizes amateur radio as a vital force in emergency communications, and has provided federal funding for the enhancement and training of amateur radio operators; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington is home to and in the proximity of many installations which could become potential targets of terrorism, and our area's amateur radio operators are now training to handle communications during manmade disasters as well as natural ones; and

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Harper Peterson, Mayor of the City of Wilmington do hereby proclaim June 22nd to 29th as

AMATEUR RADIO APPRECIATION WEEK

and urge all of our citizens to join us in commemorating this event.

HARPER PETERSON
Mayor

KATHERINE B. MOORE
Mayor Pro-Tem

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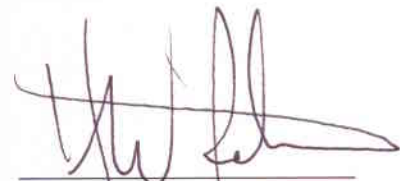
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