

AMATEUR RADIO APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has more than 14,800 licensed Amateur Radio Operators known as "Hams;" and

WHEREAS: By joining non-profit volunteer organizations such as local service clubs, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the American Radio Relay League, Hams continuously train in disaster preparedness, emergency communications and other areas of public service; and

WHEREAS: The Amateur Radio Emergency Service has agreements with the Georgia Department of Homeland Security, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS: Hams donate these services free of charge to the state and local agencies in the interest of citizens of the state as well as the world; and

WHEREAS: Today amateur radio operators utilize the latest technologies, including voice and color video transmitters, fax, computers, satellites, spacecraft and repeaters; and

WHEREAS: These Amateur Radio operators are on alert for any emergency, local or world-wide working with emergency management agencies, and practice their communication skills during the American Radio Relay League's Field Day exercise taking place June 25-26; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 19-26, 2005, as AMATEUR RADIO APPRECIATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand five.