

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: More than 8,000 citizens in the State of Arkansas, and more than 750,000 individuals nationwide, enjoy the hobby of being amateur radio operators from preteens to senior citizens; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators diligently monitor radio frequencies, constantly aware of severe-weather possibilities in our State. Many are trained weather observers who assist with SKYWARN® Nets, local news outlets, and the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, watching for and reporting tornadoes and supporting emergency responders in their local areas and in other locations, as needed and requested; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated amateur radio operators play an important volunteer role as part of the Weather Bureau, the Offices of Emergency Services, and many hospitals' emergency communications networks, and they generously provide emergency communications to city, county, state, and federal officials during times of disaster; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators are vital to providing informative communications in the aftermath of ice storms, tornadoes, and other disasters within our State, and are known for contributing their personal time to many worthwhile charitable causes and public service events where normal emergency communication is lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the instrumental role of amateur radio operators in voluntarily protecting and saving lives in our State when severe weather and other imminent dangers threaten human safety.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State