

Proclaiming

June 2024

Amateur Radio Month in Ventura County

Whereas, Amateur (Ham) Radio operators stand ready to serve the residents of Ventura County during times of emergency, providing communications to protect life and property through the use of their skills and advanced communications technologies; and

Whereas, The American Radio Relay League's Santa Barbara Section includes Ventura County, which is now home to nearly 4,000 Amateur Radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

Whereas, during floods, wildfires and large community events, Ventura County Ham Radio operators have responded to provide communications support to protect life and property, logging some ten thousand person-hours of service to the county; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteers in Ventura County commit to extensive training and drills, in order to work closely with law enforcement, public safety agencies, hospitals and relief organizations when needed by the county and California OES; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio operators are committed to the values of community service, continuous training, staying current with advancements in technology, providing mentorship to new operators and never charging a fee for their services; and

Whereas, During the fourth weekend of June each year, Amateur Radio operators conduct a national 24-hour exercise that simulates field operations under emergency conditions, this year occurring on June 22 and 23, at multiple locations within Ventura County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June 2024 as "Amateur Radio Month" honoring the men and women who are prepared to serve the county whenever their communication skills may be necessary.

Presented on this 18th day of June 2024

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