PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 19TH THROUGH JUNE 25TH, 2017 AS AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

WHEREAS, Indian River County is home to more than 500 licensed radio amateurs; and,

WHEREAS, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Indian River County provided valuable communication assistance to five American Red Cross Shelters, two area hospitals, and the Humane Society during Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Indian River County recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and,

WHEREAS, these radio amateurs are always on alert for tornadoes, floods, tropical cyclones, or any other local emergency, and use their communications skills to assist local and state government officials; and,

WHEREAS, Indian River County radio amateurs generously donate their time and equipment to provide communications support to local service clubs, organizations, and charities; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club will continue to improve their communications skills by operating during the twenty-four hour emergency simulation known as 'Field Day' on June 24-25, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that June 19th through June 25th, 2017, be designated as AMATEUR RADIO WEEK in Indian River County, and the Board calls this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2017.

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