PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING JUNE 18TH THROUGH JUNE 24TH, 2018 AS AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

WHEREAS, Indian River County is home to a highly experienced group of licensed radio amateurs; and, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Indian River County provided valuable communication assistance to five emergency shelters, two area hospitals, and the Humane Society during Hurricane Irma in September of 2017; 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, 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, the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club has been designated a **SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB** by the American Radio Relay League for always going above and beyond the service requests from the local community; 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 23-24, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that June 18th through June 24th, 2018, 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 12th day of June, 2018. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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