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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING AMATEUR RADIO WEEK - JUNE 20-26, 2016

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators have also provided countless hours of community services to emergency service agencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

WHEREAS, the Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Deschutes also recognizes the services Amateur Radio operators provide to the Deschutes County Emergency Management and to our many civilian Emergency Response organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the region's hospitals; and

WHEREAS, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local events such as bicycle events and marathons where no other communications are available, and participate in disaster preparedness presentations throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Deschutes recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skyward program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day(s) exercise will take place on June 25-26, 2016, and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Deschutes, do hereby recognize and designate June 20-26, 2016, as *Amateur Radio Week* in Deschutes County.

Dated this _____ day of June 2016 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Alan Unger, Chair

Tammy Baney, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

Anthony DeBone, Commissioner