

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has more than 23,000 licensed Amateur Radio operators, also known as Hams, and 63 radio clubs; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio provides opportunities for people of all ages to communicate with one another and explore a diverse world of interests; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators have demonstrated their value to the public by providing emergency radio communications networks; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators played a significant role in aiding emergency workers on September 11, 2002, and were recognized by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has offered important technological contributions by developing early mobile gear for automobiles and aircraft, developing the use of frequencies beyond the High Frequency bands, developing early packet radio networks, building the first civilian communications satellite, pioneering the use of inexpensive "microsats," experimenting with the use of the Single Sideband mode and experimenting in digital signal processing circuitry and software; and

WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place on June 28-29, 2003;

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2003 AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS MONTH in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this NINTH *day of* JUNE, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THREE, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and EIGHTY-FIFTH



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Rod Blagojevich
GOVERNOR