



*Proclamation  
Presented*

**In Recognition of Amateur Radio Week  
June 17-23, 2013**

**WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Week** recognizes the accomplishments of Amateur Radio Operators (“Hams”) nationwide; Amateur Radio Week is coordinated by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the largest national organization of Hams; of the 704,000 Hams in the United States, 161,000 are ARRL members; and

**WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Week** is celebrated locally by the 635 ARRL members in the Pacific Section, which includes Hawai‘i, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the estimated 2,000 to 2,400 additional licensed Hams in the region; and

**WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Week** was preceded by an emergency Ham exercise in Hawai‘i known as *Makani Pahili*; the exercise, which began on Saturday, June 1, 2013, and lasted for one week, was the largest simultaneous, multi-site, multi-band communications exercise in the history of the Hawai‘i amateur radio community concentrating on two-way exchanges of simulated messages; *Makani Pahili*, conducted by Hawai‘i State Civil Defense in coordination with governmental and private agencies, was a statewide exercise to test and evaluate preparations for operations before, during and after a hurricane; and

**WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Week** culminates in Hawai‘i on **Amateur Radio Field Day** (“Field Day”), which takes place from 8 a.m. Saturday, June 22, to 8 a.m. Sunday, June 23, 2013; Field Day is the largest national operating event for U.S. Hams; Field Day is a national contest and operating event used to polish communication skills that are vital in emergency situations; Field Day exercises on the island of O‘ahu include the Ko‘olau Amateur Radio Club (KARC) event at Kualoa Beach Park and the Emergency Amateur Radio Club (EARC) event at Bellows Air Force Station;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2013, as

**“AMATEUR RADIO WEEK”**

in Hawai‘i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the skills and important function of Amateur Radio Operators in disaster responsiveness and to celebrate their role in keeping our *ohana* informed in times of emergency.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventeenth day of June, 2013.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i