



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: During times of national, state, and local emergencies, amateur radio operators have provided communication resources at no cost to Minnesota taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: There is a continual need for amateur radio operators to provide primary and backup emergency communication capabilities during local, state, and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio clubs throughout Minnesota provide courses of instruction and encourage and assist with elementary and high school programs about amateur radio. These efforts enhance student interest in science, geography, and physics, and provide an opportunity for students to become licensed amateur radio operators; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators participating in SKYWARN provide trained and radio-equipped severe weather spotters to assist the National Weather Service and the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations, such as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), are organized and trained in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide effective emergency communication support; and:

WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations provide communication support for community and public service events to help ensure the safety of attendees, participants, and observers.

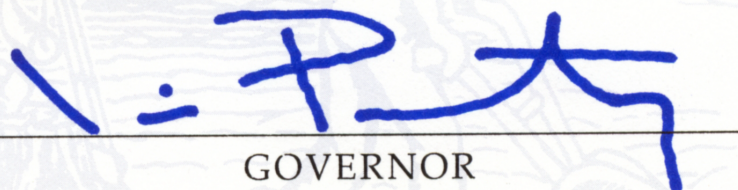
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the days of June 28 and 29, 2008, as:

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RECOGNITION DAYS

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred and fiftieth.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE