

**PROCLAMATION**

**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 both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

**WHEREAS**, these Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

**WHEREAS**, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio’s people also provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including Clay County Emergency Management and the Clay County Sheriff; and

**WHEREAS**, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Orange Park, Florida recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these “hams” who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and

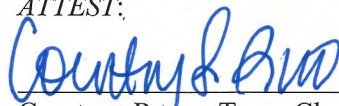
**WHEREAS**, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2018 and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs’ skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Orange Park Town Council, does hereby officially recognize and designate June 18-24 as

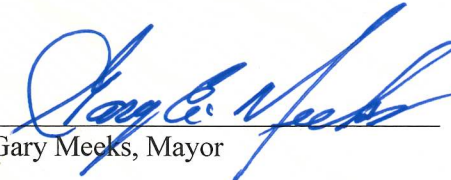
***Amateur Radio Week***

And encourages all citizens to express their support of this group in order to gain understanding and appreciation of the innovation and services provided by their efforts.

ATTEST:

  
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk



  
Gary Meeks, Mayor