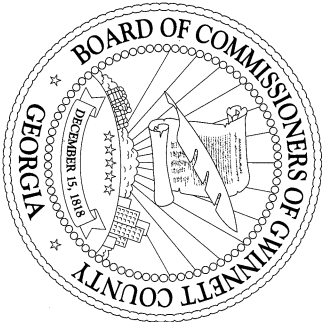


Gwinnett County board of commissioners



**A RESOLUTION
OF RECOGNITION**

**Amateur Radio Week in Gwinnett County
June 22 – 28, 2009**

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of 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, The state of Georgia also recognizes the service Amateur Radio provides to our many Emergency Response organizations including Georgia Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Gwinnett County Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and

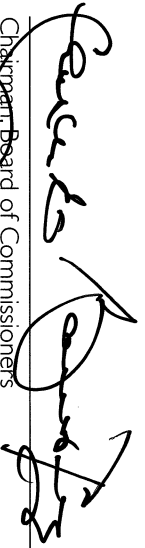
WHEREAS, Gwinnett County recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these Hams who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and Rita and in the tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

WHEREAS, The American Radio Relay League is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The league's Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 27 and 28, 2009 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, I, Charles E. Bannister, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize June 22 – 28, 2009, as Amateur Radio Week in Gwinnett County.



Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia

Signed this 16th day of June, 2009.