## **PROCLAMATION**



## AMATEUR RADIO WEEK JUNE 21 – 27, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

**WHEREAS,** for more than 100 years, Amateur Radio – also called ham radio – has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster or emergency, all without needing a cell phone or the internet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dalton 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**, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications, bike-a-thons, fairs, and other charitable events; and

**WHEREAS,** anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator and there are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States as young as 9 and as old as 100; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League (AARL) is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA and with clubs such as the Dalton Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anyone to get involved right here in Dalton, Georgia.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, David Pennington, Mayor of the City of Dalton hereby officially recognize and designate June 21-27, 2020 as "AMATEUR RADIO WEEK".

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor		
Date	June 15, 2020	