City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *in 1914, Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence D. Tuska founded the nation's leading organization for Amateur Radio – the American Radio Relay League (ARRL); and*

WHEREAS, *the ARRL presently consists of over 160,000 members and is the primary source of all books, news, support and information for Amateur Radio operators; and*

WHEREAS, *within the United States, over 700,000 licensed Amateur Radio operators – often referred to as "hams" – voluntarily lend communication support to local officials, emergency response agencies, and national relief organizations through the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Services program; and*

WHEREAS, *the ARRL annually holds a Field Day on the last full weekend of June in which more than 35,000 hams gather within their communities to simulate a twenty-four hour emergency preparedness exercise to proactively test their airwaves' ability to operate during abnormal situations with less than optimal conditions; and*

WHEREAS, *the Radio Amateur Society of Norfolk and Amateur Radio Emergency Services will celebrate this year's Field Day within Hampton Roads by demonstrating "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works" on June 28-29, 2014, at Tarralton Park;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, *do hereby officially proclaim June 23-29 as*

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

in the City of Norfolk and call upon all citizens to attend this year's ARRL Field Day, and to recognize the contributions our amateur radio operators make to ensure the functionality of our radio airwaves for the safety and convenience of Norfolk's citizens.

Given under my hand this 28th day of June 2014.

PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR