WHEREAS, on May 31st and June 1st, 2019, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the National Amateur Radio organization in the United States, will hold its 2019 Arizona State Convention in Prescott, Arizona. Amateur Radio operators from all over the southwestern U.S. will gather to share knowledge, train, and exchange equipment among themselves; and

WHEREAS, in the month of June, the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) will announce awards for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year to individuals that have made notable contributions to Amateur Radio over the previous year. ARCA will also announce Scholarship awards to deserving Amateur Radio operators throughout the state of Arizona, to help them further their education; and

WHEREAS, during the fourth weekend in June, the nationwide ARRL Field Day emergency exercise is held, where many thousands of Amateur Radio operators throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio’s science, skills, and emergency service capabilities to our communities and to our nation. ARRL Field Day combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills, all in a single coordinated event; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators train for emergency communications year round with organizations such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Volunteering their time and equipment, Amateur Radio operators are ready to help in situations such as the 2018 Tinder Fire where life-saving information was relayed to areas on the fire line with poor cell service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize June 2019 as Amateur Radio Month, benefitting more than 40 ARRL affiliated clubs and over 20,000 FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators in the state of Arizona.