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

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations through the Wichita Amateur Radio Club since 1932, and

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides resources in support of STEM curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick 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, 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 BE IT RESOLVED, that I, David T. Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2018, as

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

And call upon the people of Sedgwick County to acknowledge the importance of amateur radio and amateur radio operators in their Field Day Exercise and encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic and service organizations and the general public to join members of the Wichita Amateur Radio Club in celebrating Amateur Radio Field Day.

June 13, 2018