

# City of Capitola Mayor's Proclamation

Designating June 16 – 22, 2013, as Amateur Radio Week

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission licenses all amateur radio operators to provide public and emergency communications, develop and maintain a pool of radio operators, and promote domestic and international goodwill; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club, San Lorenzo Valley Amateur Radio Club, and the UCSC Radio Club operators are known throughout the county, state and nation for their outstanding dedication and commitment to safety and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators in Capitola and Santa Cruz County provide thousands of hours of volunteer support to local agencies including; CALFIRE, S.C Sheriff's Office, Capitola Police Department, the American Red Cross, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Weather Service and the Salvation Army. They also provide invaluable assistance during parades, charity bike rides, running and walking events; and

WHEREAS, local amateur radio operators work closely with federal, state, city and county emergency service organizations to provide volunteer communication services during disaster such as earthquakes, tsunamis, wild fires, severe weather, communications and power outages, accidents and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the amateur radio community represented by the Santa Cruz Amateur Radio Club, the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.) and the UCSC Radio Club have been active supporting the Emergency Operations Center, CALFIRE, the Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Search & Rescue, Large Animal Rescue Team, groups and volunteer agencies in their contributions of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day exercises will take place at the CALFIRE Training Facility, in Ben Lomond and also at the UCSC East Field, on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Harlan, Mayor of the City of Capitola, do hereby proclaim June 16 – 22, 2013, as Amateur Radio Week in Capitola, California and call on all residents to support this very important emergency preparedness exercise, and recognize the tremendous contributions Santa Cruz County amateur radio operators have made to our community.

*Stephanie Harlan*

Stephanie Harlan, Mayor  
Signed and sealed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013

