



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING NORTH BALDWIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AND SOUTH BALDWIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOR THEIR WORK WITH THE BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established amateur radio as a voluntary, non-commercial, radio communications service, which allows licensed operators to improve their communications and technical skills, while providing the nation with trained radio operators and technicians who can provide essential communications during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio involves amateur radio operators communicating locally and worldwide using store-bought or homemade radios, computers, satellites and the internet. Many amateur radio operators or "hams" serve as emergency communicators during the initial stages of emergencies and disasters. Amateur radio operators must be licensed and pass an examination for the FCC license to operate on radio frequencies known as the Amateur Bands; and

WHEREAS, the North Baldwin Amateur Radio Club was established in 1995 and, in addition to offering amateur radio licensing classes and testing utilizing FCC certified volunteer examiners, the club participates in various civic events such as bike events, fun runs, and swap meets throughout the North Baldwin area, and provides volunteers at Bay Minette area shelters in times of evacuation; and

WHEREAS, the South ~~Alabama~~ **Baldwin** Amateur Radio Club was established in 1984 and, in addition to holding classes and testing for new amateur radio operators, the club participates in various civic events throughout South Baldwin County, including providing communication support for the MS150 Tour de Beach Bike Ride which takes place along the backroads of coastal Alabama; and

WHEREAS, both the North ~~Alabama~~ **Baldwin** Amateur Radio Club and South ~~Alabama~~ **Baldwin** Amateur Radio Club are important components of the emergency preparedness and response of Baldwin County in the event of a disaster. Working with the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), both amateur radio clubs provide emergency communication capability between the Emergency Operation Center, emergency shelters, points of distribution, and other emergency agencies throughout the county when other communication sources are lost. To ensure their effectiveness, both clubs exercise regularly with the EMA, and provide input into the County Emergency Operations Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission commends the North Baldwin Amateur Radio Club and South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club for their dedication and service to the citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, recorded in the official minutes of this honorable county governing body and embodied as Resolution #2016-110 of the Baldwin County Commission, be conveyed to the North Baldwin Amateur Radio Club and South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club in sincere praise and as a small token of appreciation on behalf of all the citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Baldwin to be affixed at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 6th day of September, 2016.

Commissioner J. Tucker Dorsey
Chairman

Commissioner T. Christopher Elliott
Vice Chairman

Commissioner Frank Burt, Jr.

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber