## Proclamation

## City of Bella Vista, Arkansas

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

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between people, societies and countries, by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, Bella Vista Radio Club has over 200 members and is the largest club of Ham Radio operators in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio services are provided wholly uncompensated while providing countless hours of community service and radio communications for local charitable public events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people provide to our many Emergency Response Organizations, including local government served agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bella Vista recognizes and appreciates the diligence of some of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL is the leading national organization for Amateur Radio in the USA, and has proven itself relevant to the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place June 24, 2023 and is a 24 hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in fields without further infrastructure being required; now

THEREFORE, I, John D. Flynn, Mayor of Bella Vista, Arkansas, do hereby officially recognize and designate June 18-24, 2023 as "Amateur Radio Week" in the City of Bella Vista.

John D. Flynn, Mayor

**ATTEST:** 

Wanda L. Krug, City Clerk