

A RESOLUTION

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Recognizing the history and purpose of shortwave radio in the importance of communication; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, from its inception, shortwave or ham radio has become the means to render emergency communications assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 1838, Samuel Morse publicly demonstrated his telegraph for the first time, transmitting the world's first telegraph message; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1880's, Heinrich Hertz's experiments with electromagnetism led to his discovery of radio waves; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, Guillermo Marconi sent the first transatlantic radio signal from Cornwall to Newfoundland; and

WHEREAS, in 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to communicate with a government radio post in what is believed to have been the first broadcast by a ham; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was born; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Morse Code was replaced by a satellite based "Mayday" system for sending and receiving distress alerts; and

WHEREAS, from the minds of scientists and inventors and more than a century of ingenuity, shortwave or ham radio has become a standard of communication for commercial and noncommercial uses around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the history and purpose of shortwave radio is recognized for having transformed global communications.

So resolved, this 10th day of April, 2017.



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