

**SUMMARY REPORT TO MANAGER**  
for City Council Meeting of June 13, 2005

**SUBJECT: AMATEUR RADIO WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLUTION  
SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to issue a proclamation designating the week of June 19-26, 2005, as Amateur Radio Week in Midland.

**ITEMS**

**ATTACHED:**

1. Letter of Transmittal
2. Letter of Request
3. Resolution
4. Proclamation

**COUNCIL**

**ACTION:**

1. 3/5 vote required to approve resolution.

**Libby Richart**  
**Communications Coordinator**  
**5/23/2005**



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May 23, 2005

Karl S. Tomion, City Manager  
City of Midland  
Midland, MI 48640

Dear Karl:

We received a request from the Midland Amateur Radio Club asking the City of Midland to issue a proclamation designating June 19-26, 2005, as Amateur Radio Week in Midland.

Attached is a resolution that authorizes Midland City Council to issue the attached proclamation designating the week of June 19-26, 2005, as Amateur Radio Week in Midland.

Sincerely,

Libby Richart  
Communications Coordinator  
(989) 837-3307



# MIDLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Freeland, MI 48623  
April 18, 2005

City of Midland  
City Manager's Office

R. Drummond Black  
Mayor  
City of Midland  
333 W. Ellsworth,  
Midland, MI 48640

Dear Sir:

The Midland Amateur Radio Club is a public service organization whose membership consists of Amateur Radio Operators living in Midland County and neighboring communities. Affiliated with The American Radio Relay League, the national organization for Radio Amateurs, the Midland Amateur Radio Club not only exists to promote Amateur Radio, but to provide communications in the public interest.

Midland Amateur Radio Club members serve as part of Skywarn, a network of volunteers that observe and reports severe weather conditions to the National Weather Service, providing a valuable backup and providing confirmation of conditions in the field.

Midland Amateur Radio Club members train to provide emergency communications through the A.R.E.S. (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and R.A.C.E.S (Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Service) on a state and national level through the Michigan State Police and the Federal Emergency Management Administration, respectively.

On a local level, the Midland Amateur Radio Club provides communications for the Midland Run/Walk and the MS Walk, just to name a few events.

On a national level, each year the Midland Amateur Radio Club participates in the ARRL Field Day. Held the fourth full weekend in June, Radio Amateurs throughout North America abandon their shacks and take to the field. Operating in the field, divorced from commercial power, Radio Amateurs simulate a national emergency and attempt to make as many contacts as possible with other operators throughout North, South and Latin America in a twenty-four-hour period. Field Day is the culmination of a series of events collectively known as Amateur Radio Week.

It is our hope that the City Manager will issue a proclamation which will recognize the efforts of the Midland Amateur Radio Club to serve our community and nation by providing a valued communications reserve to the City and County of Midland as well as striving to maintain the health and well-being of our neighbors in the event of emergency or natural disaster.

Sincerely,

Patrick Mullet  
Public Information Officer  
Midland Amateur Radio Club  
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BY COUNCILMAN

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to issue the attached proclamation designating the week of June 19-26, 2005, as Amateur Radio Week in Midland.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, Selina Tisdale, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a yea vote of all the Councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 13, 2005.

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Selina Tisdale, City Clerk

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### **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, in times of natural disasters such as tornadoes and floods, the City of Midland has turned to the services of our area's amateur radio operators to provide rapid two-way communications on behalf of Midland County government and other area municipalities when conventional means of electronic communications have failed; and*

*WHEREAS, Midland and the surrounding area has more than 200 licensed amateur radio operators who have demonstrated their value in assisting the public by providing emergency radio communications; and*

*WHEREAS, in the interest of Midland citizens as well as all people around the world, these amateur radio operators donate their services free of charge to the City and are on alert for local and global emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security now recognizes amateur radio as a vital force in emergency communications, and has provided federal funding for the enhancement and training of amateur radio operators; and*

*WHEREAS, amateur radio operators practice their communication skills each year during a 24-hour-long exercise, the American Radio Relay League's Field Day, during which operators attempt to establish worldwide communications without the aid of electronic power during a national emergency simulation exercise; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place from June 25-26, 2005; now*

*THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and the City Council of Midland, Michigan, do hereby join in proclaiming the week of June 19-26, 2005, as*

### **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK**

*in the City of Midland, and recognize amateur radio operators in Midland for their dedication and skill in this crucial means of communication.*

*Issued by Council Authorization  
Given Monday, June 13, 2005*

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*R. Drummond Black, Mayor*

*Attest:*

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*Selina Tisdale, City Clerk*