

# North Carolina General Assembly

## Certificate of Acknowledgment and Appreciation

**Whereas**, the Appalachian Amateur Radio Club and the Clay County Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving their community providing vital communication services during emergencies; and

**Whereas**, these dedicated amateur radio operators play an indispensable role in supporting various organizations, including the Cherokee County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Healthcare Facilities, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the National Weather Service through the SKYWARN program; and

**Whereas**, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, taking place on June 22-23, 2024, is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; and

**Whereas**, the Field Day event encourages public participation, providing an opportunity for the community to learn about the hobby and its significant contributions to emergency communication, as operators set up their radios in various, often remote, locations to practice and train for emergency situations; and

**Whereas**, the Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Clay County Auxiliary Communications, as well as all of North Carolina's amateur radio operators, deserve to be recognized for their invaluable services to our communities. Their dedication and expertise in providing reliable communication support are commendable and greatly appreciated.

on this Twenty-Second Day of June  
In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four  
this certificate is presented to the  
Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Clay County Auxiliary Communications

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Representative Karl E. Gillespie  
District 120

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Senator Kevin Corbin  
District 50