Office of the Mayor



Garland Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

WHEREAS: the Garland Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, RACES, was founded in

1976 as a radio communication service for the City; the members of the organization provide vital information to the Garland Office of Emergency Management in their role as Storm Spotters during severe weather by

communicating real-time ground information; and

WHEREAS: the GRACES members play an essential role in the community during nondisaster events including assisting in information-gathering during the Fourth of

July celebration, coordinating the Christmas tree lightening during Christmas on the Square, and supporting their counterparts in neighboring jurisdictions during events such as the Dallas Marathon, the March of Dimes Walk, and the Multiple

Sclerosis Bike Tour; and

the support of the members is essential and instrumental to the Garland Office of WHEREAS:

Emergency Management; members volunteer and dedicate their time and

resources to the department; and

WHEREAS: in the past year Garland RACES members collectively provided numerous

volunteer hours supporting the Garland Office of Emergency Management and

the community by assisting in weekly outdoor warning siren tests; and

members of the City Council recognize and honor the Garland Radio Amateur WHEREAS:

> Civil Emergency Service for their hard work, dedication and support of the Garland Office of Emergency Management and the City of Garland on

June 17, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Athas, Mayor of the City of Garland, with the City Council,

do hereby convey this Special Recognition upon the Garland Radio Amateur

Civil Emergency Service.

Given this 17th day of June 2014.



Mayor, the City of Garland, Texas