

## **RECOGNIZING THE ELLSWORTH AMATEUR WIRELESS ASSOCIATION 60 YEAR ARRL AFFILIATION**

Whereas, the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association (“the Association”) affiliated with the ARRL on May 10th, 1962,

Whereas, the Association’s call sign, W1TU, initially belonged to Maine’s iconic amateur radio operator, Charles Ellsworth, who was the radio operator in Newfoundland who on April 15, 1912 received the initial SOS of the sinking Titanic, and the Association has proved worthy of their namesake,

Whereas, the Association offers its members multiple opportunities each year with on-air activities, including ARRL Field Day, Winter Field Day, QRP portable operations at the waterfront park among the public, and disaster exercises with Hancock County Emergency Management Agency and ARES® and neighboring EmComm teams,

Whereas, the Association has organized and conducted numerous Ham Radio Symposiums with hams and others from around the state in attendance, featuring demonstrations in satellite communications, QRP kit-building, youth robotics team, and more,

Whereas, members support multiple community events with amateur radio communications including the Mount Desert Island Marathon,

Whereas, the Association has helped organize and run Ham Radio Week at Camp Beech Cliff on Mount Desert Island where kids learned to solder and built electronic kits, participated in Zombie (fox) Hunts, and made local and DX contacts via the amateur radio bands,

Whereas, the Association has given numerous amateur radio presentations to the 4-H youth in Hancock County,

Whereas, the Association has successfully promoted amateur radio to the public via newspapers articles, social media, and in person,

Whereas, the Association has conducted ham radio classes and Volunteer Examinations bringing new people into the amateur radio community,

Whereas, the Association has gone above and beyond what is expected, and deserves special recognition,

**THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby congratulates and recognizes the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association for its contributions to amateur radio on its 60th anniversary of ARRL affiliation.**