

RECOGNIZING THE PROVIDENCE RADIO ASSOCIATION FOR 101 YEARS OF ARRL AFFILIATION

WHEREAS, the Providence Radio Association (“the Association”), first known as the Elmwood Radio Association, was founded in 1919,

WHEREAS, the Association has been affiliated with the ARRL for 101 years,

WHEREAS, in the 1920s, Association members pioneered the early development of wireless, including technical articles published in QST by Association President Alpha Learned, 1AAU,

WHEREAS, in 1925, the Association’s call sign was 1LI,

WHEREAS, in 1935, the Association’s club station, W1INM, was moved to 3 Valley Street in Olneyville, the site of a former broadcast station consisting of two 80-foot towers,

WHEREAS, the Association was active in the war effort during the second world war, as evidenced by the fact that many of its members went into military service while others at home provided radio training at the YMCA in Providence,

WHEREAS, the Association obtained the club call sign W1OP in 1954,

WHEREAS, the Association participates annually in numerous contests and has established itself as one of the preeminent contest stations in the Northeast,

WHEREAS, the Association has established a remote capability for its members using a fiber optic internet remote connection,

WHEREAS, the Association has established a “Work RI FTx” campaign, providing thousands of Rhode Island digital contacts to stations around the world,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby congratulates and recognizes the Providence Radio Association for its contributions to amateur radio on its 103rd anniversary of existence and 101st anniversary of ARRL affiliation.