

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** General Aviation and West Virginia's airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities and the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of the health of General Aviation, aircraft manufacturing, airline industries, educational institutions, aviation organizations and companies that have manufacturing and repair facilities in the State; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has 33 public airports serving more than 3,240 pilots and 1,370 General Aviation Aircraft; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation in West Virginia contributes \$616 million, or \$333 per capita to the State's economy; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the nation's air transportation system and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- Whereas,** given our State's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon General Aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for access to medical treatment, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources; and
- Whereas,** use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State; and
- Whereas,** the National Business Aviation Association, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission and the Alliance for Aviation Across America work in partnership to support and promote the interests and critical importance of General Aviation.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **August 2011** as:

### *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State