



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, air carrier and general aviation airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agricultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee boasts 79 public commercial and general aviation airports, serving 12,343 pilots and 6,614 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, air carrier airports in Tennessee enplane 20,667,321 passengers and 20,101,585,745 pounds of cargo; and

WHEREAS, general aviation overall contributes \$2,570,000,000 or \$431 per capita to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Tennessee Aviation Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Tennessee and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Tennessee depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 17th day of May, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Ruggitt", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

