

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF DELAWARE GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

Whereas, General Aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

Whereas, there are 11 public-use airports in the State, serving 1,439 pilots and 13,238 general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, Delaware's aviation industry funds \$989 million to the State's economy yearly and, the Delaware Airports and Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation airports have a total annual economic impact of over \$188 million; and

Whereas, general aviation supports 15,500 jobs and contributes a total annual economic impact of over \$188 million; and

Whereas, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

Whereas, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and

Whereas, Delaware is home to six charter flight companies, six repair stations, and two flight schools operating 21 aircraft and providing 22 jobs. In addition, there are eight fixed-base operators in the State; and

Whereas, many communities in Delaware depend heavily on General Aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our State.

Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
do hereby declare June, 2015

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in the State of Delaware and proclaim General Aviation a vitally strategic resource to the State and the people of Delaware.



Jack Markell

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Governor

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