

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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 Arkansas 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: According to the Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas has 91 public-use airports, which serve 5,048 pilots and 3,053 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, general aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$494 million annually; and

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, more than 77 percent of all annual aircraft operations in the state are attributable to general aviation; and

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

WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 2016, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout Arkansas and encourage all citizens to join us in its observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State