

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 contributes \$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, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare June, 2014*

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



Jack Markell

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Governor

Matthew Denn

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Lieutenant Governor

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