



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and**

**WHEREAS, there are 19 commercial service and 110 general aviation/community airports; and**

**WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 143.5 million passengers annually, ranking Florida second in the nation; and**

**WHEREAS, international airports in Florida accommodate more than 28 million international passengers annually, which is 19.5 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and**

**WHEREAS, more than half (52.7 percent) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and**

**WHEREAS, air cargo operations account for more than \$6.6 billion in annual economic activity to Florida, which represents 8 percent of the nation's air cargo; and**

**WHEREAS, in total, aviation represents more than \$97 billion in annual economic activity, and**

**WHEREAS, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and**

**WHEREAS, organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2014 as *Aviation Appreciation Month*.**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand fourteen.

  
Governor