



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS, AS WELL AS IN THE OPERATION OF OUR BUSINESSES, RANCHES, AND FARMS; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAS A VESTED AND SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF GENERAL AVIATION, THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, AIRCRAFT AND SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING, AVIATION EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, CHARTER FLIGHT BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY AIRPORTS, AND AIRPORT OPERATORS WHICH PROVIDE STATEWIDE JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE 59 PUBLIC-USE AIRPORTS AND 4 PUBLIC-USE HELIPORTS IN NEW MEXICO, SERVING OUR CITIZENS WHICH INCLUDE 5,053 PILOTS; AND

WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO THE 2009 NEW MEXICO AIRPORT SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE, AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO SUPPORTS 48,795 JOBS AND GENERATES \$1.3 BILLION IN PAYROLL ANNUALLY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR \$3.1 BILLION INTO THE ECONOMY; AND

WHEREAS, GIVEN OUR STATE'S SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY, MANY BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES DEPEND UPON GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT AND SMALL AIRCRAFT OF ALL TYPES FOR MOBILITY, ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, DISASTER RELIEF, SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND A WIDE RANGE OF CRITICAL RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS ARE HOME TO THREE AIR TANKER BASES, PROVIDING CRUCIAL FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE IN NEW MEXICO AND OUR NEIGHBORING STATES; AND

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION VISITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER \$61 MILLION IN ANNUAL EXPENDITURES, AND MANY COMMUNITIES IN NEW MEXICO DEPEND HEAVILY ON GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS FOR THE CONTINUED FLOW OF COMMERCE, TOURISTS, AND VISITORS WHO COME TO ENJOY THE RESOURCES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT; AND

WHEREAS, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NEW MEXICO AIRPORT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, NEW MEXICO PILOTS ASSOCIATION, THE ALLIANCE FOR AVIATION ACROSS AMERICA, NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS, AND THE NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS AND IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, IN THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR, COMMUNITIES ARE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF NEW MEXICO'S RICH AVIATION HERITAGE, INCLUDING: THE FIRST USE OF AIRCRAFT IN A US MILITARY MISSION IN PURSUIT OF PANCHO VILLA; CHARLES LINDBERGH'S DEVELOPMENT OF AERIAL ARCHEOLOGY; NEW MEXICO'S KEY ROLE IN THE FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR TRANSPORT ROUTE; VITAL MILITARY TRAINING; AND LEGACIES OF AVIATORS SUCH AS WILLIAM CUTTER WHO FLEW THE STATE'S FIRST AIR AMBULANCE IN 1928.

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012 AS

"NEW MEXICO GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2012.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

