

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** General Aviation and West Virginia's airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities and the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of the health of General Aviation, West Virginia airports, the aerospace industry, aircraft manufacturing, airport communities and aviation education; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has 32 public airports serving more than 2,200 pilots and 1,370 General Aviation Aircraft; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation in West Virginia contributes \$616 million, or \$333 per capita to the State's economy; and
- Whereas,** direct and indirect jobs attributed to the State's aerospace industry total about 3,200, providing a direct wage and benefit impact of about \$46 million; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's air transportation system and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- Whereas,** given our State's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon General Aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for access to medical treatment, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources; and
- Whereas,** use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 2013** as:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-first year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

By the Governor:



Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State

