

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, aviation in Alaska plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, and rural villages across our vast state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has six times as many pilots per capita, and 16 times as many aircraft per capita, as the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has a significant interest in the continued vitality of the health of aviation, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, flight schools, tourism, community airports, and aviation organizations, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, there are 406 public access airports in Alaska, 258 of which are operated by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. These facilities are home to 10,899 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is home to 258 charter flight companies, 53 repair stations, and six flight schools. In addition, there are 50 fixed-base operators in the state. This accounts for more than 9,900 jobs in the aerospace and aviation industries of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as:

General Aviation Month

in Alaska, and encourage all citizens to reflect upon the importance of aviation in the lifestyles of all Alaskans.

Dated: February 26, 2010



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.