

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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 Arkansas 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: Arkansas has 82 public-use and 142 private-use general aviation airports, which serve 5,145 pilots and 2,776 general aviation based aircraft; and

WHEREAS: General aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$467 million annually; and

WHEREAS: General aviation sustains 5,160 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$167 million, not including the general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to 82 fixed-base operators, 40 certified repair stations, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,019 student pilots, 727 flight instructors, and 83 heliports; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas depends on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our communities; and

WHEREAS: General aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: General aviation organizations across Arkansas recognize, promote, and develop the interests and importance of general aviation in our state and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2019, as

**GENERAL AVIATION DAY**

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2019.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State