

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

**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 Delaware 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**, according to the Delaware Airports Economic Impact Assessment, airports in Delaware support a total economic impact of more than \$1 billion annually, while general aviation airports support more than \$411.8 million of economic activity in the State of Delaware annually; and

**Whereas**, according to the Delaware Department of Transportation, there are 10 public-use general aviation airports in the state, which serve 1,345 pilots and 1,307 active general aviation aircraft; and

**Whereas**, according to the Delaware Airports and Aviation Economic Impact Assessment, airports support more than 12,000 jobs in the state; and

**Whereas**, Delaware State University (DSU- an HBCU) is home of the DSU professional pilot program and Delaware Technical College (Delaware Tech) has aviation programs across the state training future aviation maintenance technicians in both the airframe and powerplant curriculums; and

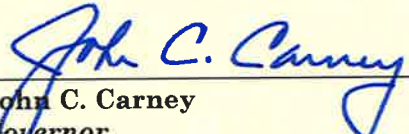
**Whereas**, according to the FAA, Delaware is home to 6 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 320 flight students and 268 flight instructors. In addition, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory, there are 7 fixed-base operators registered in the state; and

**Whereas**, many communities in Delaware depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

**Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,**  
do hereby declare June 2018 as

### GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to join in its observance and recognize the importance of general aviation in our state.

  
John C. Carney  
Governor

  
Bethany Hall-Long  
Lieutenant Governor