
State of Iowa
Executive Department

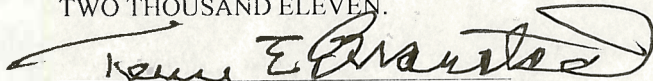
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** General aviation and community airports play a critical role for citizens, businesses, and travelers to our state; and
- WHEREAS,** The state of Iowa has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and
- WHEREAS,** General aviation activity in Iowa involves business aviation, air medical transport, air cargo, aerial application, law enforcement, search and rescue, specialty aerial services, air charter, personal aviation, and recreational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** Aviation in Iowa supports more than 47,000 jobs and has an \$18 billion economic impact in the state; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa boasts more than 5,600 pilots, 4,000 general aviation aircraft, and nearly one million annual aircraft operations; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa has 108 public-owned airports serving as the on-ramp to the national air transportation system and the front door to communities they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** Organizations like the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Iowa and throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Organizations like the Iowa Public Airports Association, Iowa Aviation Promotion Group, Iowa Agricultural Aviation Association, Iowa 99's, Iowa Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, Flying Farmers, and local pilot groups recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** Airports and airspace in Iowa accommodate military aircraft operations that support national defense, training exercises, and emergency response; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa is home to 69 fixed-based operators providing needed aviation services at airports, 24 charter flight companies, and 35 certified repair stations; and
- WHEREAS,** The aviation industry offers a wide range of career opportunities and eight formal education programs in Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** Youth education in aviation supports STEM initiatives involving math, science, and physics and has provided tens of thousands of free airplane rides to Iowa children since 1992; and
- WHEREAS,** Many communities in Iowa depend heavily on general aviation and local airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim December, 2011 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES
THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE