

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, General Aviation manufacturing has been part of the Kansas economy for over a century, starting with the Longren Flyer which was the first Kansas-built aircraft to fly in 1911, up to the modern aircraft produced today, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. General Aviation industry is composed of more than 200,000 aircraft, over 75% of which were manufactured in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation brings over \$3.8 billion economic activity annually to Kansas and supports over 11,470 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has over 5,000 registered General Aviation aircraft, 8,600 licensed pilots, and over 140 public-use airports; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation airports serve the needs of Kansas residents and businesses; they provide air ambulance access; they support agriculture by providing access to aerial applicators; they provide opportunities for flight training; and they also support emergency operations including search and rescue, emergency evacuation, police, and military training exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, May 11, 2024, as

National Celebration of General Aviation Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 11th day of
May, A.D. 2024



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab

Secretary of State

Whitney Tempel

Assistant Secretary of State