

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is enriched with great aviation history including aviation pioneers such as Dwane Wallace (Cessna), Walter and Olive Ann Beech, Lloyd Stearman, Al Mooney, William and Moya Lear, Amelia Earhart, and many more who broke barriers and aimed "to the stars with difficulties"; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to numerous businesses, big and small, who serve a vital role in the aviation industry, is the second largest contributor to the Kansas economy, and contributes more aircraft to the world economy than anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports are important to Kansas's businesses supporting commerce, attracting visitors and contributing more than 20.6 billion dollars annually to the state's economy than anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to approximately 137 public use airports who serve as the front door to their respected communities, provide emergency air ambulance access, and allow for economic development anywhere in state and many communities in Kansas depend heavily on General Aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourist, and visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has embraced new technologies in unmanned aerial systems as a tool to enhance operations, public safety, economic development; and

WHEREAS, Kansas places high importance on STEM education and aviation careers to support workforce needs in the aviation sector across our Great State; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize September 2017, as

Aviation Appreciation Month

in Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 18th day of
August, A.D. 2017

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

