

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, In 1939, several significant events took place to usher in a new era of General Aviation that would solidify its important place in American society, including the full mobilization for World War II, the signing of the Civilian Pilot Training Act to boost general aviation pilot training, establishment of National Aviation Day, and the founding of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; and
- WHEREAS, General Aviation supports more than 1.1 million jobs and provides \$247 billion in economic contributions a year, while serving as a vital lifeline for communities through missions of disaster relief, humanitarian aid, law enforcement, and agricultural support; and
- WHEREAS, Today, the U.S. aviation industry is composed of more than 200,000 aircraft, including 2769 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that safely fly over 26 million flight hours, including over 30 million safe takeoffs and landings per year; and
- WHEREAS, Over 650,000 registered pilots are in the United States, including 8,600 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who access the national airspace system through Kentucky's 59 public use airports; and
- WHEREAS, Public use airports in the Commonwealth of Kentucky contribute over \$1.4 billion in economic activity and support over 23,300 jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

GENERAL AVIATION FLYOVER MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 232nd year of the Commonwealth.

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GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams

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Secretary of State