



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR  
**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana has seven public-use commercial service airports, 63 public-use general aviation airports (which serve 7,033 pilots), 4,297 active general aviation aircraft and is the home to 33 repair stations, five FAA-approved flight schools and 62 fixed based operators; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Transportation and Development estimates that airports contribute more than \$6.7 billion to the state's economy each year and many communities depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for continued flow of commerce, tourism and visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the 2015 Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation supports 9,300 jobs across the state and the overall airport system supports 58,900 jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.8 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies, natural disasters and rescue operations such as air ambulance transports by fixed-wing and rotorcraft, and also to police, game wardens and mail service that routinely utilize aviation to support daily operations and communication; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

**AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of August*

*A. D., 2017.*

  
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Governor of Louisiana