

## Bobby Jindal

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and

aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 74 airports serving 9,562 pilots and 4,891 general aviation

aircraft; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Louisiana contributes \$2.05 billion, or \$454 per capita, to

> the state's economy. This ranks Louisiana as 25th nationwide -- but as a percentage of the state's total GDP, Louisiana ranks 7th in the nation in terms

of the importance of aviation to its economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and

natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, general aviation alone employs 7,985 Louisianans. Those employees earn over

\$240.5 million annually. Aerospace and aviation provide 11,000 jobs, resulting

in \$416 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to charter flight companies, repair stations, fixed based

operators and flight schools; and

many communities in Louisiana depend on general aviation and community WHEREAS,

airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim December 2011 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of Louisiana.

Attest By

The Governor

Secretary of State

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 day of December

A.D.,\_

Governor of Louisiana