

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Over the last 85 years, our citizens have marveled at the continual technological advancements in general aviation which have improved our lives, enabled access to communities across the country, created hundreds of billions of dollars in economic impact and growth, and propelled the U.S. as the world leader in general aviation; and

WHEREAS,

aviation is integral in supporting successful integration of multimodal commerce development initiatives in connecting Louisianans to critical transportation networks and improving the local, regional, and state economies; and

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General Aviation contributes over \$247 billion in economic impact and supports 1.2 million jobs across the country, and often serves as a vital lifeline for communities through missions of disaster relief, humanitarian aid, law enforcement, and agricultural support; and

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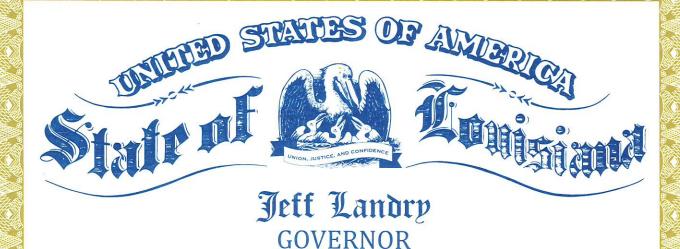
according to the 2022 Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation contributes over \$1.1 billion in economic impact and supports over 10,000 jobs across the state with an annual payroll of more than \$469 million; and

WHEREAS,

today, the U.S. general aviation industry is composed of more than 200,000 aircraft, safely flies over 26 million flight hours, and registers 30 million safe takeoffs and landings per year; and

WHEREAS,

over 650,000 registered pilots in the United States access more than 5,100 public use airports and another 14,000 privately owned airfields, more than any other country in the world; Louisiana has 68 public-use airports, over 5,475 registered pilots, 2,807 active general aviation aircraft, 33 repair stations, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, and 913 flight instructors; and



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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, Jeff Landry, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2024 as:

General 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 Waton Rouge on this 1st day of May A.D. 2024.

Governor of Louisiana