



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 5,475 pilots), 2,807 active general aviation aircraft and is the home to 33 repair stations, six FAA-approved flight schools and 913 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Transportation and Development-Office of Multimodal Commerce estimates that airports contribute more than 6.75 billion to the state's economy each year and many communities depend heavily on general aviation airports for continued flow of commerce, tourism and visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2015 Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study, airports in Louisiana support over 58,800 jobs across the state with an annual payroll of more than 1.7 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 October 2018 as

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



*In Witness Whereof, I have herunto 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 October*

*A.D., 2018.*

  
Governor of Louisiana