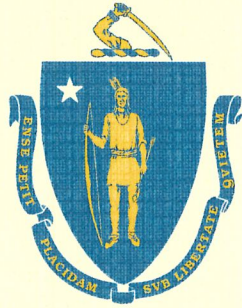


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and

Whereas, According to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study found that general aviation airports contribute more than \$630 million to the state's economy; and

Whereas, According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, the state is currently home to 37 public-use general aviation airports. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), these airports serve 8,316 pilots and 2,793 registered aircraft; and

Whereas, According to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 5,166 jobs and a total payroll of over \$270 million; and

Whereas, General aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors and communities; and

Whereas, General aviation not only supports Massachusetts' economy, but it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 2021, to be,

## GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of July, in the year two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts