

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas General aviation and public-use airports play a critical role in the lives of the Commonwealth's citizens, businesses, and military, and serves integral role in its response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

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

Whereas Massachusetts is home to 39 public use airports, which serve 8,400 active pilots and 2,500 based businesses, and recreational aircrafts including airplanes, helicopters, gliders, and business jets; and

Whereas The Commonwealth is home to 21 aircraft charter companies, 62 aircraft maintenance facilities, and 22 full-time flight schools, as well as 43 fixed-based operators; and

Whereas General aviation activities accounts for \$3.8 billion annually in economic output and provides nearly 28,000 jobs at public-use airports; and

Whereas Communities within Massachusetts depend heavily on general aviation and the public-use airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2011, 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 twentieth day of October, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Francis Galvin', written over a light grey circular watermark.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts