

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, as Montana is the fourth largest state in the country, aviation is critical to the movement of goods and people into, out of, and throughout the state; and*

*WHEREAS, aviation connects Montana to the rest of the nation and world, helps drive our flourishing and diverse economy, and supports our ability to respond to emergencies, including wildfires; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana has over 120 public use airports that serve millions of travelers every year, contributing approximately \$3.3 billion to Montana's economy and supporting 30,000 jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, National Aviation Day was established in 1939 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation designating the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2024*

### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION DAY**

in Montana to honor the importance of aviation to our state and economy.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor