

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates May of each year as "General Aviation Appreciation Month."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

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1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating May of each year as “General  
2       Aviation Appreciation Month” in New Jersey.  
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4   **WHEREAS**, The use of airports and aircraft to connect communities to  
5       resources, services, and other parts of the country and the world in a  
6       timely and efficient manner has become a part of the daily lives of  
7       many Americans; and

8   **WHEREAS**, General aviation, which encompasses all civilian flight  
9       except scheduled passenger flights provided by commercial  
10      airlines, plays a critical role in the operation of businesses and  
11      farms and in the transportation of people and goods across the  
12      country and around the State; and

13   **WHEREAS**, General aviation and the aviation industry provide valuable  
14      transportation alternatives and innovations while cultivating  
15      economic growth through the operation of public-use and private  
16      airports and heliports, aircraft manufacturing facilities, and  
17      educational institutions; and

18   **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has a significant interest in the continued  
19      vitality of general aviation and the aviation industry, which  
20      provides employment to approximately 18,000 New Jersey  
21      residents, serves over 12,000 pilots, and contributes \$1.7 billion  
22      annually to the State’s economy; and

23   **WHEREAS**, As tourism and transportation continue to be significant  
24      portions of the economy of the State, many communities in New  
25      Jersey are reliant upon general aviation and the aviation industry to  
26      facilitate tourism and the transport of visitors to and from the State;  
27      and

28   **WHEREAS**, General aviation and the aviation industry provide  
29      important resources for the operation of businesses and farms  
30      throughout the State by maximizing productivity and performing  
31      specialized functions; and

32   **WHEREAS**, Serving as vital support in the operation of businesses,  
33      farms, medical care facilities, law enforcement agencies,  
34      emergency response teams, and other entities, general aviation and  
35      the aviation industry provide substantial economic and societal  
36      benefit to the State; and

37   **WHEREAS**, The use of general aviation in the State’s response to  
38      Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters proved the capabilities  
39      and usefulness of general aviation in emergency response efforts;  
40      and

41   **WHEREAS**, In light of all of the benefits that general aviation and the  
42      aviation industry provide to the State of New Jersey, it is fitting and  
43      proper and in the best interests of the citizens of this State to  
44      designate May of each year as “General Aviation Appreciation  
45      Month”; now, therefore,

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47        **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
48        *State of New Jersey:*

