



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the aviation industry plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the economic prosperity of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the Empire State is home to 464 commercial, public, and private airports and heliports; and

Whereas, the state's aviation industry contributes significantly to the economy of the state, creates hundreds of thousands of jobs for New Yorkers, and generates billions of dollars in payroll tax revenue and in state and local tax revenue annually; and

Whereas, the aviation sector's contributions to the economy are fueled by a vibrant and supportive aviation community consisting of airports, general aviation, commercial aviation, cargo transport, manufacturing partners, hospitality businesses, vendors and contractors, engineers and consultants, pilots, mechanics, educational institutions, and other aviation organizations; and

Whereas, the State of New York 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, business aviation is a critical tool for companies in New York to improve efficiency, save money, and open up opportunities for rural areas not served by commercial aviation, thereby bringing new business, investment, and jobs to all areas of the state; and

Whereas, many communities in New York State depend heavily on their commercial and general aviation airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state, and are responsible for approximately 50 million enplanements per year; we take this opportunity to recognize the positive impact of the aviation industry on the economy, workforce, and quality of life in areas across our state;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n

under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State

at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day

of May in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa