

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is home to 6 commercial service airports, 58 general aviation airports, and 4 busy military airfields that provide essential support to South Carolina's diversified business base, increasing population, and growing tourism industry; and
- WHEREAS,** airports support and assist South Carolina in many ways, including recreational flying, providing a gateway to communities and tourist attractions, accommodating agricultural spraying, supporting air cargo and air freight shipments, helping law enforcement, supporting the military and its operations, providing access in times of emergency, and supporting medical needs and the medical profession; and
- WHEREAS,** many businesses in our state rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transportation of people and goods; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2006 South Carolina Economic Impact of Aviation, over 753,000 visitors arrive to South Carolina by general aviation aircraft, accounting for an additional \$87 million in economic impact annually; and
- WHEREAS,** with over 100 aerospace-related companies in the Palmetto State, aviation is a multi-billion dollar industry and, along with commercial service airports, general aviation airports, and military airfields, supports more than 70,000 jobs and contributes millions of dollars each year in tax benefits to state and local governments.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2017, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AVIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize general aviation for its significant contributions to our quality of life and economic growth and stability.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA