



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee boasts a robust network of 79 public commercial and general aviation airports, serving more than 12,000 pilots and 4,000 general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is home to many charter flight companies, aircraft repair stations, flight training schools, and fixed based operators; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Tennessee depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2017 as

*General Aviation Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirty-first day of January, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Kuyatt*

Secretary of State