



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 2019 Aviation Economic Impact Study found that airports in the state support more than \$40 billion in economic impact annually, more than 220,000 jobs, and a total payroll of over \$13 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Tennessee Aeronautics Division, the state has 77 public-use airports, and, according to the FAA, these airports serve 17,712 pilots and 5,957 registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state is home to 57 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 5,453 student pilots, 3,038 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation stands at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports are critical infrastructure that ensure future economic growth and support our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as

*General Aviation Appreciation 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 twenty-seventh day of February 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Rought*

Secretary of State