



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **VIRGINIA AVIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, aviation plays a critical role in Virginia transportation, employment, and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is home to 66 public-use airports, nine of which offer airline service to destinations across the country and around the world, and 57 are general aviation facilities operating within the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 14,000 pilots and more than 6,000 business and recreational aircraft, including single-engine and multi-engine airplanes, helicopters, gliders, and business jets based in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's aviation system provides a total of \$28.8 billion in economic activity, including \$7.6 billion from airport-dependent businesses and 259,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is home to schools and research facilities that prepare individuals for careers in aerospace and contribute to the advancement of transportation technology; and

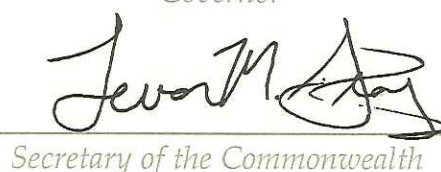
**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Aviation will host the 40th Annual Aviation Conference August 12–15, 2014, at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center Hotel in Virginia Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Aviation Month is an opportunity to acknowledge the significant role Virginia plays in aviation development and transportation and to recognize the individuals who support and work in the aviation industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize August 2014 as **VIRGINIA AVIATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth