

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in everyday life of Alaska's people and economy; citizens, businesses, industries, and government agencies depend on aviation, often as a primary mode of transportation for travel, medical services, shipment of goods, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has more private planes per capita than any other state in the union and, on average, Alaskans fly more than eight times as often as residents of other states; and

WHEREAS, currently there are 737 registered airports and seaplane bases, housing 9,347 registered aircraft utilized by 8,032 active pilots; and

WHEREAS, the aviation industry generates \$3.5 billion and over 47,000 Alaskan jobs annually, accounting for ten percent of the jobs in the state;

WHEREAS, the aviation industry in Anchorage generates over 15,000 jobs, or one in ten jobs annually, and over 1,900 jobs, or one in twenty jobs in Fairbanks, having a combined direct annual payroll of nearly \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's airports have over 4,681,000 passenger enplanements annually; and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is ranked number two in North America for landed weight of cargo; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has significant and vested interest in the continued vitality of aircraft operations, aircraft maintenance, flight training, community airports, and aviation organizations across our great state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as:

Aviation Appreciation Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to celebrate aviation as an important aspect of our the Alaskan lifestyle and to recognize the achievements of those who make aviation possible in the Last Frontier..

Dated: August 18, 2015



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*