

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor
A Proclamation

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH
MARCH 2016

WHEREAS, General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, our businesses, and our farms; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's airport system includes 24 publicly-owned airports serving 3,825 pilots, operating 2,055 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, According to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, there are 118 registered airports throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Out of every 1,000 workers in New Hampshire, nearly nine are employed in the aerospace and aviation industry, representing a significant economic impact to the state; and

WHEREAS, General aviation plays a vital role in New Hampshire's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the New Hampshire Pilot's Association, Granite State Airport Managers Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in New Hampshire and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is home to 11 charter flight companies, 23 airport repair stations, and one flight school, in addition to 17 fixed-base operators; and

WHEREAS, Many communities in New Hampshire depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 2016** as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all Granite Staters to recognize how critical general aviation is to our economy, our communities, and our state.

Given this 23rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.



Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

