

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

**A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating May of each year as “General Aviation Appreciation Month” in New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The use of airports and aircraft to connect communities to resources, services, and other parts of the country and the world in a timely and efficient manner has become a part of the daily lives of many Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, General aviation, which encompasses all civilian flight except scheduled passenger flights provided by commercial airlines, plays a critical role in the operation of businesses and farms and in the transportation of people and goods across the country and around the State; and

**WHEREAS**, General aviation and the aviation industry provide valuable transportation alternatives and innovations while cultivating economic growth through the operation of public-use and private airports and heliports, aircraft manufacturing facilities, and educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation and the aviation industry, which provides employment to approximately 18,000 New Jersey residents, serves over 12,000 pilots, and contributes \$1.7 billion annually to the State’s economy; and

**WHEREAS**, As tourism and transportation continue to be significant portions of the economy of the State, many communities in New Jersey are reliant upon general aviation and the aviation industry to facilitate tourism and the transport of visitors to and from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, General aviation and the aviation industry provide important resources for the operation of businesses and farms throughout the State by maximizing productivity and performing specialized functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Serving as vital support in the operation of businesses, farms, medical care facilities, law enforcement agencies, emergency response teams, and other entities, general aviation and the aviation industry provide substantial economic and societal benefit to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of general aviation in the State’s response to Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters proved the capabilities and usefulness of general aviation in emergency response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, In light of all of the benefits that general aviation and the aviation industry provide to the State of New Jersey, it is fitting and proper and in the best interests of the citizens of this State to designate May of each year as “General Aviation Appreciation Month”; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.36:2-245 “General Aviation Appreciation Month,” May; designated.

1. The month of May of each year shall be designated as “General Aviation Appreciation Month” in the State of New Jersey in recognition of the importance of general aviation.

C.36:2-246 Observance.

2. The Governor is requested to issue a proclamation and call upon public officials, private organizations, and the citizens of this State to observe this month with appropriate activities, programs, and events.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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