



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the aviation industry plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the economic prosperity of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the Empire State is home to 498 commercial, public, and private airports and heliports; and

Whereas, the state's aviation industry contributes significantly to the economy of the state, creates hundreds of thousands of jobs for New Yorkers, and generates billions of dollars in payroll tax revenue and in state and local tax revenue annually; and

Whereas, the aviation sector's contributions to the economy are fueled by a vibrant and supportive aviation community consisting of airports, general aviation, commercial aviation, cargo transport, manufacturing partners, hospitality businesses, vendors and contractors, engineers and consultants, pilots, mechanics, educational institutions, and other aviation organizations; and

Whereas, New York State 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, the State of New York leads the nation in promoting research and innovation in the implementation and testing of new aviation technologies such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to prepare our workforce for the future of aviation; and

Whereas, business aviation is a critical tool for companies in New York State to improve efficiency, save money, and open up opportunities for rural areas not served by commercial aviation, thereby bringing new business, investment, and jobs to all areas of the state; and

Whereas, many communities in New York State depend heavily on their commercial and general aviation airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state, and are responsible for approximately 52 million enplanements per year; we take this opportunity to recognize the positive impact of the aviation industry on the economy, workforce, and quality of life in areas across our state;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day
of May in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor