

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

Steve Bullock  
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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize August 2018 as “General Aviation Appreciation Month” in the state of Montana.

General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of Montanans. According to the Montana Airports 2016 Economic Impact Study, airports in Montana support 23,849 jobs, an annual payroll of over \$838 million, and generate over \$2.7 billion for the state’s economy. Communities of all sizes across the state depend on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

I commend the efforts of the Alliance for Aviation Across America to raise awareness about the value of general aviation and local airports. Montana is home to 128 public-use airports, which serve 3,817 pilots and 2,385 active general aircraft. Big Sky Country is better connected and more prosperous due to the continued success of our local airports.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize August 2018 as “General Aviation Appreciation Month.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Bullock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor