

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

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

WHEREAS: The 2036 Arkansas Statewide Airport System Plan Update found that general aviation in the state contributes over \$467 million in economic impact annually, supports 5,100 jobs, and provides a total payroll of over \$167 million;

WHEREAS: According to the same study, the state has 82 publicly owned airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve more than 6,500 pilots and nearly 3,300 registered aircrafts;

WHEREAS: According to the FAA, the state is home to 40 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 2,600 student pilots, and approximately 900 flight instructors;

WHEREAS: General aviation improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief as well as contributes to investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS: General aviation airports are critical infrastructure that ensure future economic growth and support our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 2024 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH IN ARKANSAS"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State