



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation for aerospace and aviation establishments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and

WHEREAS, there are 20 commercial service and 108 general aviation/community airports, helping make Florida the number two state for aerospace and aviation establishments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 149.3 million passengers annually, ranking Florida third in the nation; and

WHEREAS, international airports in Florida accommodate more than 30.4 million international passengers annually, which is 20.4 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida has made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida, with more than half of Florida's visitors (50.5 percent) arriving each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and

WHEREAS, air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida; and

WHEREAS, in total, aviation represents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Florida First budget invests \$247.9 million for aviation improvements; and


WHEREAS, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2016 as *Aviation Appreciation Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this fifth day of March, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor