



WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois 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, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics, there are 98 public-use general aviation airports in Illinois, supporting more than 14,000 general aviation pilots and more than 5,600 aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, according to Federal Aviation Administration data, Illinois is home to 96 repair stations, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,354 flight instructors and 3,119 student pilots; and,

WHEREAS, many communities in Illinois support general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, aviation education, and travel for tourists and visitors to our state;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join in its observance.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR