



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and

*W*HEREAS, as of December 31, 2015, there were 20 public-use airports in the State serving approximately 5,000 FAA certificated pilots; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut ranks as the second highest state for the total economic output supported by general aviation per capita; and

*W*HEREAS, General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

*W*HEREAS, many communities in Connecticut depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our State; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 to be

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
GOVERNOR