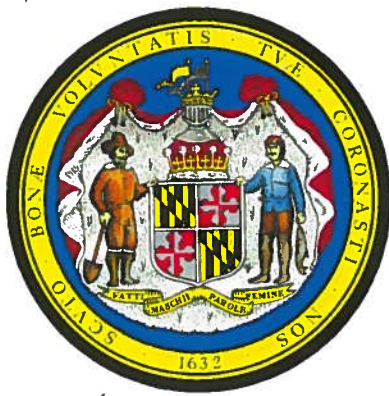


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORT MONTH SEPTEMBER 2016

- WHEREAS,** *General Aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses and farms; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and*
- WHEREAS,** *A 2015 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports study found that general aviation airports in Maryland supports more than \$704 million in business-generated revenue; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has 35 public-use general aviation airports, serving 7,782 pilots and 2,774 active general aviation aircraft. General aviation airports support 6,317 jobs across the state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *General aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters. Rescue operations such as air ambulance transports by fixed wing and rotor craft, in addition to police, warden, and mail service routinely utilize general aviation to support daily operations and communication; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to 24 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved flight schools and 22 fixed based operators in the state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2016 as GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORT MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of September
Two Thousand and sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Luttrell
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State