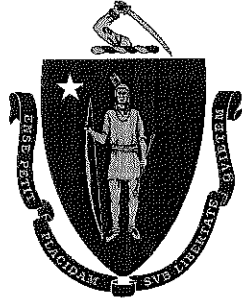


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas 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

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update, general aviation airports contribute more than \$516 million to the state's economy; and

Whereas According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, the state is home to 30 public-use general aviation airports. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), these airports serve 7,968 pilots and 2,663 active general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas According to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update, general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 4,466 jobs and a total payroll of over \$169 million; and

Whereas According to the FAA, Massachusetts is home to 59 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved schools, 1,752 flight students and 1,192 flight instructors. According to the comprehensive AC-U-KWIK directory, there are 43 fixed-base operators in the state. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 237 heliports in Massachusetts; and

Whereas Many communities in Massachusetts depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; and

Whereas The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017, to be,

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first Day of May, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in black ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in black ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in black ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts