

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

Whereas, the state of Delaware 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 Delaware Airports Economic Impact Assessment, airports and general aviation airports in Delaware support a total economic impact of more than \$200 billion annually; and

Whereas, according to the Delaware Department of Transportation, there are 9 public-use general aviation airports in the state, which serve 1,365 pilots and 1,885 active general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, Delaware State University is home of the DSU professional pilot program and Delaware Technical College has aviation programs across the state training future aviation maintenance technicians in both the airframe and power plant curriculums; and

Whereas, According to the FAA, Delaware is home to the 8 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 334 flight students and 242 flight instructors; and

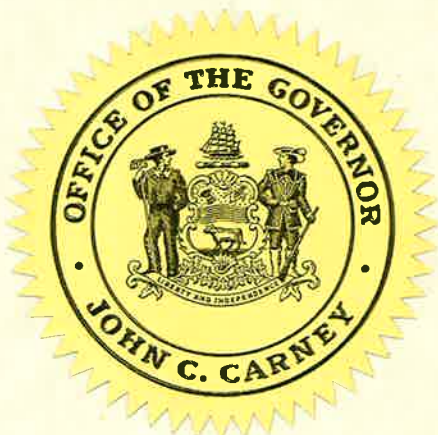
Whereas, many communities in Delaware depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state; and

Whereas, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.

**Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare June 2017**

GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to join us in its observance.





John C. Carney
Governor



Bethany Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor