

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORT MONTH NOVEMBER 2019

- 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,** *According to the 2018 Economic Impact of Public Use Airports in Maryland study, public-use general aviation and scheduled commuter commercial service airports in Maryland support more than \$867 million in business revenue and over 9,900 jobs across the state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has 35 public-use general aviation airports, which, according to the FAA, serve 8,342 pilots and 2,390 registered aircraft; 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 that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to 24 repair stations, 16 FAA-approved flight schools and 1,399 flight instructors and 2,887 student pilots.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 2019 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 November
Two Thousand and nineteen



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. Wokosinski
Secretary of State