

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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 State of Arkansas 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 Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas has 91 public-use airports, which serve 5,048 pilots and 3,053 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, general aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$494 million annually; and

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, more than 77 percent of all annual aircraft operations in the state are attributable to general aviation; and

WHEREAS: Many communities in Arkansas depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state. The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout Arkansas, and I encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Attest

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson, Governor