



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS: In our nation's history, aviation has been a unique and transformative endeavor that has become a key component of the American experience, serving as a source of great pride and patriotism. The United States leads the world in aviation, as 70 percent of all General Aviation worldwide is concentrated in America. Georgia aviation and aircraft manufacturing has played an ever-expanding role in both the everyday lives of our citizens and the future of aviation around the globe; and

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia has a significant interest in the health of General Aviation, aircraft manufacturing, airline industries, educational institutions and aviation organizations such as the National Business Aviation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Atlanta Aero Club. Since 2006, the aerospace industry in Georgia has grown 4.5 percent with over 84,500 Georgians employed in 2009 and an annual payroll of \$5.2 billion. There are more than 500 businesses and organizations focused on all aspects of the industry in our state;

WHEREAS: With Georgia's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon General Aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for mobility, access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources; and

WHEREAS: Business aviation is an invaluable tool for companies in Georgia to support their operations, thus bringing new business, investment and jobs to Georgia. Business aircraft improve efficiency, save money and open doors of opportunity to rural areas not reached by commercial aviation; and

WHEREAS: Georgia takes pride in its role as a leader in the field of aviation, which is a vital engine of growth in the economic framework of our state. Georgians are encouraged to utilize the many aviation resources in our state for business, travel or pleasure, as the health of our aviation industry helps to ensure our overall success; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in Georgia and challenge all states across the nation to follow Georgia's lead, and I further encourage our state's entrepreneurs and businesses to use the power of our strong aviation sector to help drive economic growth in Georgia and beyond.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF