



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 State of Illinois 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, Illinois is home to 112 airports, which serve 27,000 pilots and 10,578 general aviation aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation contributes \$6 billion, or \$492 per capita, to the state's economy; the seventh highest total in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation accounted for 3,102 full-time jobs statewide as well as 1,145 part-time jobs; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 65 charter flight companies, 98 repair stations, and 13 flight schools operating 131 aircraft and providing 333 jobs. In addition, there are 89 fixed-based operators in the state; and,

WHEREAS, organizations like the Illinois Pilots Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Illinois and throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, many communities in Illinois depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2011 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in Illinois, in recognition of general aviation as a vital strategic resource to our state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FOUR day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR