

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, General Aviation plays a critical roles in the lives of our citizens, as well as in businesses and farm operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is home to 141 public use general aviation airports serving over 20,000 pilots and nearly 12,000 General Aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, General Aviation represents \$490 million in economic impact, supporting 178,375 jobs in the state and producing over \$140,000,000 in wages; and

**WHEREAS**, General Aviation accounts for \$490,351,863 in total sales output, \$3.18 billion in total impact, or \$509 per capita; and

**WHEREAS**, General Aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is home to 59 charter flight companies, 116 repair stations, and 24 flight schools operating 181 aircraft and providing 360 jobs. In addition there are 64 fix-based operators in the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

### ***General Aviation Appreciation Month***

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2010

Handwritten signature of Christine O. Gregoire in blue ink.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

