

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; aviation not only drives Wisconsin's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by providing vital emergency medical transportation, enhancing public safety by assisting law enforcement, and transporting leisure travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 127 public-use airports provide reliable access to regional and world markets for businesses throughout the year – transporting more than five million passengers and more than 108 million pounds of cargo in 2016; and

WHEREAS; to maintain the safety and utility of its airport network, Wisconsin invested more than \$69 million in funding for 97 airport improvement projects in 2016; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has demonstrated that aviation and airports generate approximately \$7 billion annually in economic activity and support more than 90,000 jobs, which provide \$3.5 billion in personal income to Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS; the love of flight continues to be fostered with our state's youth through efforts such as the department's Aviation Careers and Education (ACE) program, which provides disadvantaged youths with valuable work experience, mentoring and first-hand knowledge about aviation careers and Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program, which is celebrating 25 years, having flown more than two million kids with the help of its network of volunteer pilots and ground volunteers; and

WHEREAS; the annual Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) AirVenture in Oshkosh signals one of the greatest weeks of the year for aviation enthusiasts around the world; and

WHEREAS; from July 24 – 30, 2017, more than 550,000 people and 10,000 aircraft from around the world will converge in Oshkosh for "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," which was voted the No. 1 Airshow on the "USA Today" 10 Best list;

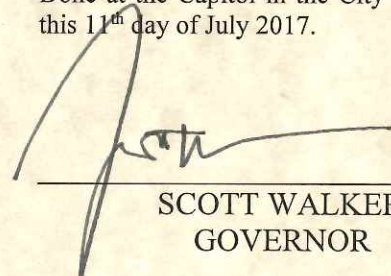
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 24 – 30, 2017 as

AVIATION WEEK

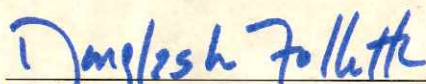
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11th day of July 2017.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State