

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update, general aviation airports contribute more than \$630 million to the state's economy; and

Whereas, According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, the state is currently home to 38 public-use general aviation airports. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), these airports serve 8,034 pilots and 3,046 registered aircrafts; and

Whereas, According to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update, general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 5,166 jobs and a total payroll of over \$270 million; and

Whereas, Many communities in Massachusetts depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; and

Whereas, The nation's aviation infrastructure provides a vital link to the U.S. transportation system, and serves an integral role in its response to emergencies and natural disasters that afford several public benefits to communities of all sizes,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 2019, to be,

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of July, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts