

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is enriched with great aviation history including aviation pioneers such as Dwane Wallace (Cessna), Walter and Olive Ann Beech, Lloyd Stearman, Al Mooney, William and Moya Lear, Amelia Earheart, and many more who broke barriers and aimed "to the stars with difficulties"; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to numerous businesses, big and small, who serve a vital role in the aviation industry, is the second largest contributor to the Kansas economy, and contribute more aircraft to the world economy than anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports are important to Kansas' businesses-supporting commerce, attracting visitors and contributing more than \$9 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to approximately 138 public-use airports who serve as the front door to their respective communities, provide emergency air ambulance access, and allow for economic development anywhere in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wichita is home to Cessna, Beechcraft, and Bombardier Learjet who manufacture and assemble aircraft and aviation products to be delivered across the world; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Kansas depend heavily on general aviation and community airport for the continued flow of commerce, tourist, and visitor to our state; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAURA KELLY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In Kansas and urge citizens to participate in this observance.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, A.D. 2019

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*  
*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State