



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH  
September 2021**

*WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, and farms; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 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, general aviation airports in the commonwealth contribute over \$1.7 billion in economic impact each year; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 123 licensed, public airports, serving 17,540 pilots and 6,178 registered aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation airports support 10,351 jobs across the state and sustain a payroll of over \$559 million; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Pennsylvania's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief; and*

*WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 2021, as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH. I encourage all residents to recognize the value and importance of general aviation and the important role it plays in our communities.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of September two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor