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May 2012 Is Aviation Appreciation Month in New York

On May 29, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed [a proclamation](#) declaring May 2012 as "Aviation Appreciation Month" in the empire state. New York becomes the 40th state to recognize the importance of aviation to the economy, business and job growth, and connectivity throughout the state and country. The declaration comes amid the passage of a resolution adopted by both chambers of the state assembly, introduced by Senator William Larkin (R-39th District) and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo (D-126th District), co-chairs of the New York Legislative Aviation Caucus.

New York's aviation industry accounts for more than \$50 billion of economic activity annually and employs more than 394,500 residents throughout the state. General aviation contributes more than \$1 billion in economic impact yearly in New York, and supports 8,600 jobs.

NATA President and CEO James K. Coyne commended the governor's actions in [a press release](#), stating that in addition to the industry's vast economic contribution general aviation aircraft "support the efforts of police, firefighters, emergency medical responders, search and rescue teams, non-profit organizations and natural disaster relief crews which help to ensure public safety." Coyne and NATA applaud Governor Cuomo for highlighting the importance of this critical lifeline.