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Rhode Island Governor Acknowledges General Aviation

Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee recently recognized the importance general aviation plays in his state by proclaiming August 2012 as “General Aviation Appreciation Month” in the ocean state.

In his [proclamation](#), Governor Chafee emphasized Rhode Island’s business dependence on the industry to move personnel, equipment and products. Rhode Island’s general aviation supports 1,461 jobs, and the state is home to three air charter companies, nine aviation repair stations, one flight school, and six fixed base operators. The industry generates about \$465 million a year for the state’s economy and is a main contributor to the high numbers of visitors and tourists to the state.

NATA joined industry organizations including the Rhode Island Pilot’s Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials and Westerly Airport Association in applauding Governor Chafee’s support recognizing the importance of general aviation in Rhode Island.