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## **New Mexico Declares September 2012 As General Aviation Appreciation Month**

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez signed a [proclamation](#) that recognizes the critical role of general aviation and community airports to the safety, accessibility and daily lives of the state's citizens. The proclamation ends with a declaration of September 2012 as "New Mexico General Aviation Appreciation Month" across the state.

New Mexico is home to 59 public-use airports and 5,053 pilots. The industry supports nearly 50,000 jobs and contributes \$3.1 billion to the economy. Out-of-state general aviation visitors bring over \$61 million in annual expenditures. Many New Mexico businesses and communities depend on general aviation aircraft for mobility, access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief, search and rescue, and a wide range of critical resources.

"In celebration of 100 years of aviation heritage in New Mexico, NATA welcomes Governor Martinez's declaration," stated NATA President and CEO Tom Hendricks. "New Mexico is home to 17 NATA member companies who contribute to the state's economy, business and job growth, and state competitiveness."