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Utah Governor Recognizes A Vibrant And Supportive Aviation Community

Utah Governor Gary Herbert proclaimed September 2012 as Aviation Appreciation Month in the beehive state, highlighting the industry's critical role in the lives and economic prosperity of Utah's citizens. The [proclamation](#) was presented at the annual convention of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) in Salt Lake City earlier this month.

Utilizing Utah's 46 public use airports, general aviation plays a critical role by contributing to the efficiencies and opportunities of people in the rural areas of the state that are not served by commercial aviation. General aviation and community airports are depended upon heavily for the continued flow of commerce, tourism and visitors. The Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) Division of Aeronautics states that general aviation results in 9,257 jobs and payrolls of more than \$260 million. A study conducted by UDOT found that 16 percent of responding businesses surveyed in Utah stated that their business activities depend on general aviation.

Across Utah, there are 25 charter flight companies, 55 repair stations, and 17 flight schools that operate 60 aircraft, and there are 42 fixed base operations across the state, all according to the Alliance for Aviation Across America.