



## **Oklahoma Proclaims August “Aviation Appreciation Month”**

NATA, along with associations across the aviation industry, welcomed Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin’s recent [proclamation](#) declaring August 2012 as “Aviation Appreciation Month” across the state. The proclamation recognizes the importance general aviation plays in supporting local businesses, including agriculture and medical services, and the overall economy. In Oklahoma, general aviation generates nearly \$1.2 billion annually in total economic impact and supports over 115,000 jobs.

Governor Fallin, a well-known advocate for aviation, applauded the industry for its tremendous impact on the state. “For many Oklahoma communities, general aviation in particular is an economic driver, and supports jobs, businesses and vital services throughout our state. I am proud to join other governors around the nation in recognizing this vital form of transportation,” she stated.

NATA President and CEO James K. Coyne commended the governor for highlighting the importance of general aviation and local airports to the state. Coyne stated, “In addition to their vast economic contribution, general aviation aircraft are fundamental to supporting the efforts of police, firefighters, and emergency medical responders to name a few of the many crew which help to ensure public safety.”