

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas General aviation and public-use airports play a critical role in the lives of the Commonwealth's citizens, businesses, and military, and serves an integral role in its response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a significant interest in the continued vitality of tourism, general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, public-use airports, and airport operators; and

Whereas Massachusetts is home to 39 public use airports, which serve 8,300 active pilots and 2,400 general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas Massachusetts' public-use airports supports over 124,000 direct/indirect jobs with an economic output of nearly \$12 billion dollars annually and the Commonwealth's general aviation airports accounts for over 4,300 direct/indirect jobs with nearly \$444 million in economic activity annually; and

Whereas The Commonwealth is home to 22 aircraft charter companies, 58 aircraft maintenance facilities, and 12 flight schools, as well as 41 fixed-based operators; and

Whereas Organizations like the Massachusetts Airport Management Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Massachusetts and throughout the world; and

Whereas Communities within Massachusetts depend heavily on general aviation and the public-use airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2013, to be,

GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twentieth-fifth day of September, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

