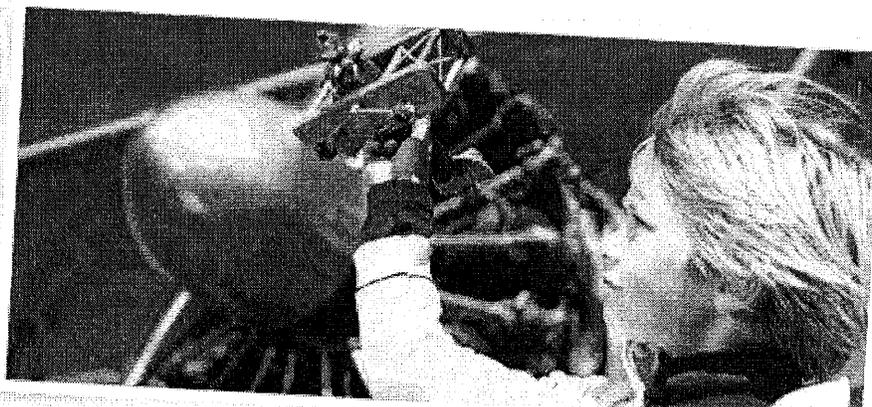


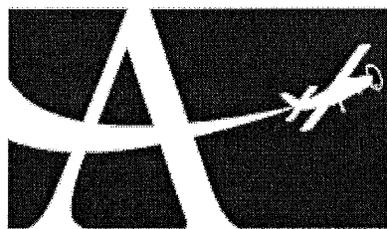
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Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen Announces April "General Aviation Appreciation Month"

NASHVILLE, TN – Today, April 21, 2010, Alliance for Aviation Across America's Matt Hager joined Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen on the steps of the State Capitol to announce April as "General Aviation Appreciation Month". Other attendees at today's 9:30 AM event included Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely, Tennessee Aeronautics Commissioners Chairman Ron Cooper, Fred Culbreath, Fred Dettwiller, Belinda Anderson, Larry Mullins, Aeronautics Director Bob Woods, Dick Doubrava on behalf of the National Business Aviation Association, and Bob Minter of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. [Click here to see the full proclamation](#).

Alliance Executive Director Selena Shilad said, "We are so pleased to have Governor Bredesen's support. The general aviation industry provides a truly unique lifeline for rural communities by providing access to emergency medical treatment, quick business links and agricultural services for farmers."

The state of Tennessee relies a great deal on general aviation (GA). From an economic perspective, GA alone contributes \$2.57 billion to the state's economy, or \$431 per capita, annually. Tennessee has 82 commercial and general aviation airports, 11,829 pilots and 6,512 general aviation aircraft. The state is also home to 46 flight companies, 56 repair stations and four flight schools, maintaining a good percentage of the 51,800 aviation-related jobs in the state. These and other statistics from our economic impact survey can



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, aviation and aircraft manufacturing plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has 80 airports serving 2,481 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, given our state's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon General Aviation aircraft and utility aircraft of all types for access to medical treatment, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources; and

WHEREAS, use of General Aviation by businesses and Tennesseans are directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's economy realizes almost annually as a result of aviation activity; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 jobs result from economic activities directly or indirectly related to aviation, creating nearly \$2 billion in wages and salaries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has a significant interest in the continued vitality and health of General Aviation, aircraft manufacturing, airline and air cargo industries, educational institutions, aviation organizations, civil and military airports that generate and employ thousands of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, aviation has been a vital and active part of Tennessee's economy since the early 1900s

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the Great State of Tennessee hereby proclaim April 2010 as:

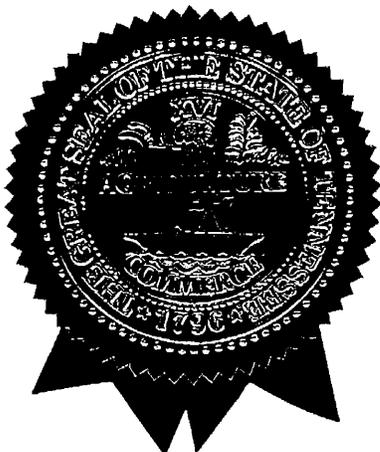
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in the Volunteer State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in Tennessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 11th day of March, 2010.

Governor

Secretary of State



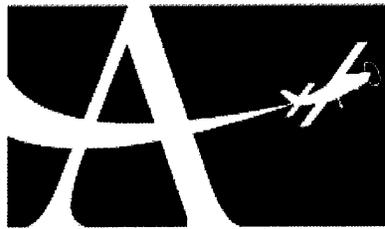
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**Governor Christine Gregoire Signs Statewide Proclamation Highlighting the
Importance of General Aviation**

Announces May "General Aviation Appreciation Month" in Washington

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Governor Christine Gregoire announced a proclamation declaring May as "General Aviation Appreciation Month" in Washington. The proclamation outlines the critical role general aviation plays in business, agriculture, emergency medical air-service, as well as to the overall economy. General aviation contributes over 178,000 jobs and approximately \$3.18 billion in total economic impact to Washington alone.

Governor Christine Gregoire said, "I am proud to sign this proclamation recognizing May as "General Aviation Appreciation Month" here in Washington. General aviation means good jobs, business growth and access to medical care, disaster relief, law enforcement, and a host of important resources to communities across the state of Washington."

"Washington State has long recognized the value that general aviation brings to the state's economy across our diverse communities. The Governor's Proclamation validates this recognition. General Aviation airports are the backbone of the state aviation system and a critical element of the state's overall transportation system," said John Sibold, Aviation Director at the Washington Department of Transportation.

"We applaud Governor Gregoire's recognition of the importance of general aviation to not only Washington, but the entire nation," stated Selena Shilad, Executive Director of the Alliance for Aviation Across America. "General aviation provides thousands of small towns and rural communities across Washington and the country access to medical and emergency service, business, and other crucially needed resources. We look forward to continuing to work with the Governor to highlight the benefits of this vital industry."

Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association president and CEO, welcomed Gov. Gregoire's proclamation. "It is great to see Washington join other states in recognizing the value of general aviation to their communities and economies," he said. "Business aviation supports more than a million jobs, provides a lifeline to cities and towns with little or no airline service, helps companies of all sizes be more efficient and productive, and supports flights to help people and communities in times of crisis."

"General Aviation is critical to Washington's economy and quality of life," said Craig L. Fuller, president and CEO of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. "This year's spirited discussion on aircraft taxes in Olympia brought home to all of us the importance of grassroots efforts spreading awareness of the value of aviation to Washington. The pilot community appreciates Governor Gregoire's recognition of how General Aviation serves Washington State every day, and pledges to continue its commitment to work with the State in promoting GA."

"America's network of community airports are critical to sustaining the 1.2 million jobs and \$150 billion in economic impact generated by general aviation nationally," said Henry Ogradzinski, President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials. "With over 140 public-use airports in the state of Washington alone, businesses, manufacturers, and emergency personnel can access nearly every corner of the state in mere hours. We commend the Governor for taking this important step, thank her excellent state Aviation Division, and look forward to continuing to work with her on supporting a strong general aviation industry in Washington.."

For more information on the economic impact of general aviation or the importance of general aviation to our nation, please visit www.aviationacrossamerica.org. Click [here](#) to read the full Washington proclamation.

Formed in 2007, the Alliance for Aviation Across America is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of over 5,400 individuals representing businesses, agricultural groups, FBO's, small airports, elected officials, charitable organizations, and leading business and aviation groups that support the interest of the general aviation community across various public policy issues.
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The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a critical roles in the lives of our citizens, as well as in businesses and farm operations; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 141 public use general aviation airports serving over 20,000 pilots and nearly 12,000 General Aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation represents \$490 million in economic impact, supporting 178,375 jobs in the state and producing over \$140,000,000 in wages; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation accounts for \$490,351,863 in total sales output, \$3.18 billion in total impact, or \$509 per capita; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 59 charter flight companies, 116 repair stations, and 24 flight schools operating 181 aircraft and providing 360 jobs. In addition there are 64 fix-based operators in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

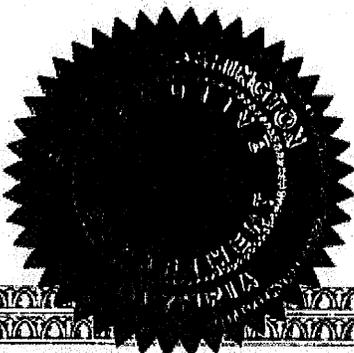
General Aviation Appreciation Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2010

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire



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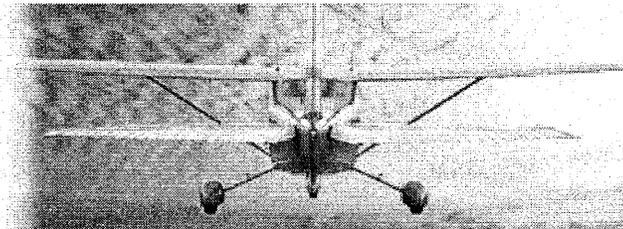
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Subject: FW: AAAA Applauds Governor Phil Bredesen for his Support of General Aviation

Hi Everyone,

Would it be possible to get Governor Kulongoski to declare an Aviation Month for Oregon?

Ted Millar

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Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 2:13 PM
To: Ted Millar
Subject: AAAA Applauds Governor Phil Bredesen for his Support of General Aviation



Dear Friend,

Great news! On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen unveiled a proclamation declaring April 2010 "General Aviation Appreciation Month" at the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville.

The Governor was joined by Alliance for Aviation Across America's (AAAA) Matthew Hager, Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely, Tennessee Aeronautics Commissioners Chairman Ron Cooper, Fred Culbreath, Fred Dettwiller, Belinda Anderson, Larry Mullins, Aeronautics Director Bob Woods and Dick Doubrava on behalf of the National Business Aviation Association.

As you are aware, general aviation is extremely important to the state of Tennessee and has a significant economic contribution of \$2.57 billion to the state's economy. We are pleased Governor Bredesen has taken such an important step in supporting the general aviation airports, pilots, and employees in Tennessee. We are continuing to work with officials across the country to promote the importance of general aviation to not only small towns and rural communities, but to the entire nation.

Read the full proclamation [here](#) and read AAAA's press release [here](#).

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