

Oregon Proclamation

WHEREAS: General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses, ranches and farms.

WHEREAS: The state of Oregon has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators.

WHEREAS: There are 97 public use airports and over 360 private airports in the state serving over 4,500 pilots and over 4,000 general aviation aircraft.

WHEREAS: General aviation in Oregon produces \$1.8 billion, or \$507 per capita, for the state's economy.

WHEREAS: General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters.

WHEREAS: Airports in Oregon were responsible for a direct, indirect and induced total of 197,040 jobs. 35,172 jobs are created directly by the state's general aviation airports.

WHEREAS: The Oregon Aviation plan cites \$927,631,000 in wages and \$2,998,930,000 in business sales attributable, through direct, indirect, and induced measures, to the state's general aviation industry.

WHEREAS: Organizations like, Oregon Pilot's Association, 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 Oregon and throughout the world.

WHEREAS: Oregon is home to 57 charter flight companies, 49 repair stations, and 15 flight schools operating 154 aircraft and providing 613 jobs. In addition, there are 50 fixed-based operators in the state.

WHEREAS: Many communities in Oregon depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

THEREFORE: I, **John A. Kitzhaber, MD**, Governor of the State of Oregon do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Oregon and declare October to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this ___th day of ___ in the year two thousand twelve