

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** West Virginia General Aviation and local airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities, and the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation in West Virginia contributes over \$616 million, or \$333 per capita, to the State's economy; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has 32 public airports serving more than 2,200 pilots and 1,370 General Aviation Aircrafts; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation benefits West Virginia through corporate, private, charter and air taxi travel; shipping and express air freight services; firefighting; public safety and law enforcement; weather and traffic reporting; and recreation and tourism; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations, and a wide range of critical resources; and
- Whereas,** with the State's geography, large numbers of businesses and communities depend on General Aviation aircrafts for access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, and communication; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- Whereas,** the use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 2015** as:

### **General Aviation Appreciation Month**

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



*Earl Ray Tomblin*

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Governor

By the Governor:

*Natalie E. Tennant*

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