

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- 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 supports 5,300 jobs in the state, resulting in \$256 million in labor income. In addition, general aviation contributes over \$1 billion to the state's total economic output annually; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has seventeen general aviation airports serving more than 1,813 pilots and 930 active 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, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 2019** 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-third day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State