Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission is an agency of the West Virginia Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Airport Managers Association represents commercial and general aviation airports and industry partners throughout the Mountain State; and

Whereas, West Virginia has 24 airports in the National Plan of Integrated Airport System: 7 Commercial Airports and 17 General Aviation Airports; and

Whereas, affordable, reliable, and safe air service is integral to our communities, citizens, businesses and state; and

Whereas, commercial airports serve our state's 1.8 million residents and hundreds of thousands of visitors annually; and

Whereas, general aviation airports open out state's rural landscape to countless companies to conduct business and often serve as community hubs; and

Whereas, airports have played and will continue to play, a critical role in the state's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, and sear and rescue operations; and

Whereas, growth in air service in West Virginia equates to increased funding for improvements to West Virginia's airports; and

Whereas, the inaugural West Virginia Aviation Day is hosted by the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission and the West Virginia Airport Managers Association.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 21, 2018* as:

West Virginia Aviation Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.



Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State