



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**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 and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee boasts a robust network of 74 public-use general aviation airports, serving more than 12,200 pilots and 5,700 registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is home to many charter flight companies, aircraft repair stations, flight training schools, and fixed based operators; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Tennessee depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

*General Aviation Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**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 twentieth day of February, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Justin Boyd*

Secretary of State

