



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, the Tennessee Aeronautics Division reports that there are 78 system airports in the state, which, according to the FAA, serve 14,076 pilots and 5,904 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Aviation Economic Impact Study, Tennessee's airports support 220,936 jobs and a payroll of more than \$13 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 52 repair stations, 9 FAA-approved flight schools, 3,827 student pilots and 2,671 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Tennessee's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit; 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 March 2021 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 seventeenth day of February, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State

