



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 79 public commercial and general aviation airports, serving more than 12,000 pilots and 4,000 general aviation 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 Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2016 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 twenty-fourth day of February, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Ward

Secretary of State