

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH
MARCH, 2013**

WHEREAS, General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens as well as the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's airport system includes 24 publicly-owned airports serving 3,825 pilots operating 2,055 general aviation aircraft and, according to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, there are 118 registered airports throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, 8.8 out of every 1,000 workers in New Hampshire are employed in the aerospace and aviation industry representing a significant economic impact to the state; and

WHEREAS, General aviation plays a vital role in New Hampshire's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the New Hampshire Pilot's Association, Granite State Airport Managers Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in New Hampshire and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is home to 11 charter flight companies, 23 airport repair stations, and one flight school in addition to 17 fixed-base operators in the State; and

WHEREAS, Many communities in New Hampshire depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH, 2013** as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire.



Given this 27th day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-seven.

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Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor