

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

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

**WHEREAS,**

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

**WHEREAS,**

*Many communities in Nebraska depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.*

**WHEREAS,**

*There are 81 public-use airports in Nebraska, serving 3,611 Nebraska pilots and 2,756 Nebraska general aviation aircraft, untold numbers of out of state pilots and aircraft; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Across the state, 5,250 Nebraskans are employed in air transportation, and it is estimated that tourism via general aviation supports 403 additional full-time jobs in Nebraska and \$10.6 million in payroll; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Nebraska Department of Aeronautics estimates that state airports handle more than 970,000 general aviation aircraft operations a year; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*According to a Merge Global study commissioned by the General Aviation Manufacturers Association and the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the annual economic impact of general aviation in Nebraska is \$721 million; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Many communities in Nebraska rely on general aviation and community airports for valuable services such as aerial firefighting, medical outreach and evacuation, search-and-rescue, aerial agricultural spraying and wildlife management; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska is home to 13 charter flight companies, 12 repair stations, numerous flight schools, over 70 fixed-based operators and over 200 aerial applicators; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Organizations like the Nebraska Aviation Council, Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, Nebraska Association of Airport Officials, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Business Aviation Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of general aviation in Nebraska and throughout the world; and*

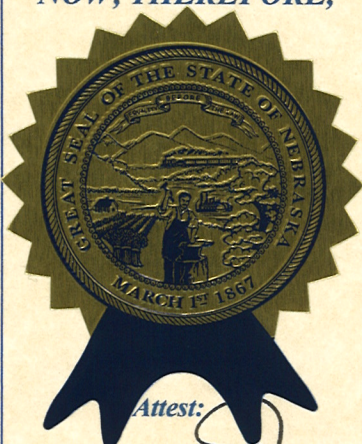
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May 2013 as*

### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.*



Attest:

*John D. Gale*  
Secretary of State

*Dave Heineman*  
Governor