

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF 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 cities, counties, businesses, ranches and farms; and
- WHEREAS:** The state of Oregon has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation organizations and community airports; and
- WHEREAS:** There are 97 public use airports and over 360 private airports in the state which are part of the essential national system of airports serving our nation's 617,000 pilots; and
- WHEREAS:** There are over 400 aviation related businesses in 78 cities throughout Oregon with an average wage of over \$62,395; and
- WHEREAS:** General aviation airports play a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters including aviation firefighting, medevac, earthquake and tsunami response; and
- WHEREAS:** Airports in Oregon were responsible for over 12,000 family-wage jobs in 78 cities around the state and over \$2 billion in economic impact attributable to the state's aviation industry.
- NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2013** to be

**AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 22, 2013.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State