

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION REMAINS AN EFFICIENT AND SAFE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCESS NEW MEXICO'S RECREATION AREAS, BUSINESS CONTACTS, MARKETING VENUES, AND INDUSTRY; AND

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS THROUGH OUR BUSINESSES, FARMS, RANCHES, AND TOURISM; AND

WHEREAS, THE AVIATION INDUSTRY SUPPORTS AND PROVIDES JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC-USE AIRPORTS AND 4 PUBLIC-USE HELIPORTS SERVE THE POPULATION OF OVER 5,000 LICENSED PILOTS IN NEW MEXICO, AND GIVEN THE SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY OF OUR STATE, MANY BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES DEPEND UPON GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT FOR MOBILITY, ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITTIES; AND

WHEREAS, GENERAL AVIATION CONTRIBUTES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF REVENUE TO THE ECONOMY PROVIDING MANY NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES A FLOW OF COMMERCE, AND TOURISM; AND

WHEREAS, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NEW MEXICO PILOTS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW MEXICO AIRPORT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, THE ALLIANCE FOR AVIATION ACROSS AMERICA, THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS, THE RECREATIONAL AVIATION FOUNDATION, AND OTHER AVIATION-BASED GROUPS WORK STEADILY TO SUPPORT THE INTERESTS AND IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AERONAUTICAL AND AVIATION-BASED CURRICULUM AND RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FROM MANY AVIATION ENTITIES; AND

WHEREAS, FLIGHT SAFETY AND EDUCATION REMAIN PRIORITIES FOR ALL PILOTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT, NOURISH, AND STRENGTHEN THE NEXT GENERATION OF AVIATORS FROM THE TOP DOWN;

 $\it NOW, THEREFORE, I,$ SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2014 AS

"NEW MEXICO AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ GOVERNOR ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN SECRETARY OF STATE

