# The State of Washington

# Proclamation

***WHEREAS***, general aviation and community airports play critical roles in the lives of Washingtonians, as well as the operation of businesses, industry, ranches and farms; and

***WHEREAS***, Washington State 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***, Washington is home to 134 public use airports serving 19,044 pilots and 9,112 general aviation aircraft; and

***WHEREAS,*** public use airports support 248,500 jobs, $15.3 billion in wages, and $50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

***WHEREAS***, general aviation plays a vital role in our state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

***WHEREAS***, Washington is home to 44 charter flight companies, 113 repair stations, and 28 flight schools operating 151 aircraft and providing 391 jobs, as well as 64 fix-based operators in the state; and

***WHEREAS***, organizations including the Washington Airport Management Association, Washington Pilot's Association, Washington Public Ports Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Washington Community Airports Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in our state and throughout the world;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

## *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 22nd day of May, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee