



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation and government and community leaders recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security, and safety of the United States; and

WHEREAS: The aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality; and

WHEREAS: Women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, including: E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906; Harriet Quimby who, in 1911 became the first woman to earn a pilot certificate and cross the English Channel; Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934; Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space; Jeana Yeager who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986; and Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle Pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and

WHEREAS: A collaborative effort by government, industry, and dedicated organizations and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum and expose girls to positive female role models is the path to increased participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as;

GIRLS IN AVIATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE