



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Aviation and aerospace innovation have birthed vast industries, which enhance our quality of life and the economic health of our communities. Minnesota has an extraordinary legacy of achievement in the essential fields of aviation and aerospace, providing space leadership, national security, and for the sustainability of our nation's air transportation system; and

WHEREAS: The nearly 250 publicly-owned airports, state-licensed heliports, and seaplane bases in Minnesota play a critical role in the lives of citizens; and the state has significant interest in the continued vitality of community airports, airport operators, and aviation organizations; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesota citizens engage in aviation and aerospace, which provide highly skilled, good paying jobs in organizations that contribute positively to the tax base and trade balance. These employers range from innovative manufacturing companies to airports, which generate \$12.2 billion in economic activity, including providing nearly 165,000 jobs and \$6.5 billion in labor income; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota companies and entrepreneurs use business aircraft to fly to airports that do not offer commercial air service, enabling them to successfully compete in the global economy and allowing their headquarters to be located outside of a major city; and

WHEREAS: Aviation and aerospace are essential to the vitality of Minnesota's economy, and its airports are gateways for the flow of agriculture, commerce, communications, navigation, tourism, and public safety; and

WHEREAS: Aviation and aerospace offer exciting career opportunities for young people—the next generation of innovators and builders of Minnesota's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September, 2012 as:

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE 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 23rd day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE