

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** General Aviation and West Virginia's airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities and the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of the health of General Aviation, West Virginia airports, the aerospace industry, aircraft manufacturing, airport communities and aviation education; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has 32 public airports serving more than 2,200 pilots and 1,370 General Aviation Aircraft; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation in West Virginia contributes \$616 million, or \$333 per capita to the State's economy; and
- Whereas,** direct and indirect jobs attributed to the State's aerospace industry total about 3,200, providing a direct wage and benefit impact of about \$46 million; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's air transportation system and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- Whereas,** given our State's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon General Aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for access to medical treatment, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources; and
- Whereas,** use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 2012* as:

### *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Fiftieth year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor

By the Governor:



Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State

