

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, as the fourth largest state in the country, aviation is critical to the movement of goods and people into, out of, and throughout Montana; and

WHEREAS, aviation connects Montanans to the rest of the nation and world, helps drive our flourishing and diverse economy, and supports our ability to respond to emergencies, including wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Montana has 127 public-use airports that serve millions of travelers every year, contributing approximately \$2.7 billion to Montana's economy and supporting 23,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, National Aviation Day was established in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation designating the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2023

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION DAY

in Montana to honor the importance of aviation to our state and economy.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor