

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



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

WHEREAS, aviation connects Montana 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 over 120 public use airports that serve millions of travelers every year, contributing approximately \$3.3 billion to Montana's economy and supporting 30,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, National Aviation Day was established in 1939 by President Franklin D. 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 May 15, 2024

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION DAY

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

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor