

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** In 1939, several significant events took place to usher in a new era of General Aviation that would solidify its important place in our American society; and
- Whereas,** today, the United States general aviation industry is composed of more than 200,000 aircrafts, safely flies over 26 million flight hours, and registers 30 million safe takeoffs and landings per year; and
- Whereas,** general aviation contributes over \$247 billion in economic impact and supports 1.2 million jobs across the country, and often serves as a vital lifeline for communities through missions of disaster relief, humanitarian aid, law enforcement, and agricultural support; and
- Whereas,** the local aviation industry supports \$1.6 billion in annual economic activity and supports over 10,700 jobs in the Great State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations, and a wide range of critical resources; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has 883 registered general aviation aircrafts, 2,372 licensed pilots, and 17 public-use General Aviation airports; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia 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,** the 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, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2024* as:

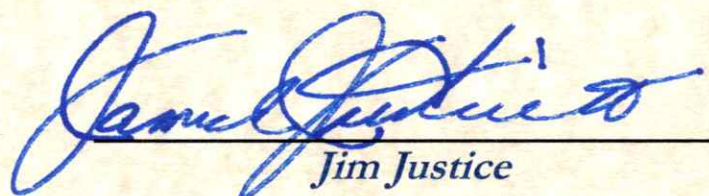
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.


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 Eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State