



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of citizens, as well as in the operation of businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to 131 public use general aviation airports, which serve 15,882 pilots and 6,814 general aviation aircrafts; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation contributes \$2.4 billion or \$437 per capita, to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation accounts for 16,000 jobs statewide as well as more than 160,000 tons of cargo transported yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to 31 charter flight companies, 54 repair stations, and 8 flight schools operating 86 aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Missouri depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

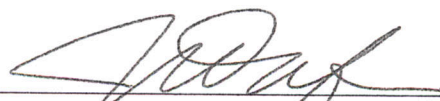
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2012 to be

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

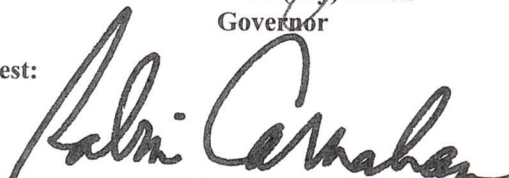
in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2012.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State