



By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, few other technological advances to date have had a larger effect on the transformation of the United States' economy, society and overall culture than that of powered flight; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has had a rich history of aviation that includes the production of the only major combat aircraft of World War II produced solely in one state, the F4U Corsair, built in cooperation with United Aircraft, Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Standard and the Vought-Sikorsky companies of Connecticut, as well as the invention of the helicopter by Connecticut resident Igor Sikorsky; and

WHEREAS, today aviation is a vital part of the American way of life enabling citizens to conveniently travel for business or pleasure at speeds previously unthinkable, while allowing for the transfer of goods across the country faster than any other mode of transportation; and

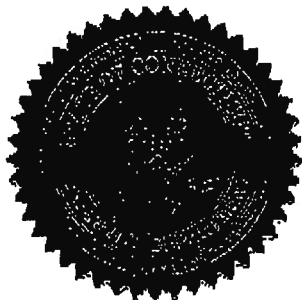
WHEREAS, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, a not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to serving the interest and needs of aircraft owners and pilots; and

WHEREAS, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association will be holding their Annual Expo on October 4-6, 2007, in Hartford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Annual Expo is expected to attract nearly 1,800 aircraft from around the country with as many as 10,000 individuals in Hartford for the event; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in honor of the 2007 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Annual Expo, do hereby officially proclaim the week of October 1-6, 2007, as

GENERAL AVIATION WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




Governor