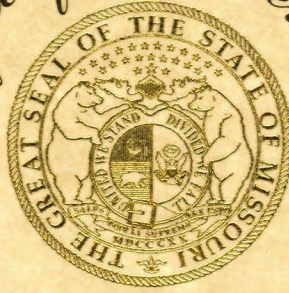


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our 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, aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri boasts 121 public-use general aviation airports serving 9,284 pilots and 3,847 general aviation aircraft, and is home to 31 charter flight companies, 54 airport repair stations, one fractional provider, and nine flight schools operating 93 aircraft and providing 205 jobs. In addition, there are 82 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Transportation found that general aviation generates \$857 million in economic activity annually; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2012 Missouri Statewide Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation supports 7,449 jobs statewide. Overall, Missouri's airport system supports 100,621 jobs with an annual payroll of \$3.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Missouri Airport Managers Association, Missouri Pilots Association, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Aircraft Electronics Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Missouri and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2024, to be

MISSOURI STATE AVIATION DAY

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 20th day of March, 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE