

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL AVIATION FLYOVER DAY

MAY 11, 2024

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, including the founding of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association to protect the freedom to fly while keeping general aviation safe, fun, and affordable; and*

WHEREAS, *Today, the U.S. general aviation industry is composed of more than 200,000 aircraft, 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, *Over 650,000 registered pilots in the United States access more than 5,100 public-use airports and another 14,000 privately owned airfields, more than any other country in the world. These pilots and airports connect communities across America with the National Air Transportation system; and*

WHEREAS, *General Aviation brings over \$867 Million in annual economic activity and supports over 9,900 jobs to The State of Maryland; and*

WHEREAS, *The State of Maryland has 2,288 registered General Aviation aircraft, 9,825 licensed pilots, and 35 public-use General Aviation airports.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND do hereby proclaim May 11, 2024, as **GENERAL AVIATION FLYOVER DAY** and call upon the people of the state to commemorate the extraordinary last 85 years of the general aviation industry.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 11th day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-four

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Governor

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Lt. Governor
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Secretary of State