



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS, AND IMPACT VIRTUALLY EVERY SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, RANCHING, THE FILM INDUSTRY, HEALTH AND MEDICAL FIELDS, MANUFACTURING, RECREATION, TRAVEL, TOURISM, AND RETAIL BUSINESSES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAS A VESTED INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF GENERAL AVIATION, AND IS HOME TO AIRCRAFT AND SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING, AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITY AIRPORTS, FIXED-BASE OPERATORS, CHARTER FLIGHT BUSINESSES, REPAIR STATIONS, DRONE OPERATORS, AND FLIGHT SCHOOLS, ALL OF WHICH PROVIDE JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, GIVEN OUR STATE'S SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY, MANY BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES DEPEND UPON GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT OF ALL TYPES FOR MOBILITY, ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, DISASTER RELIEF, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND A WIDE RANGE OF CRITICAL RESOURCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, COMMUNITIES IN NEW MEXICO DEPEND HEAVILY ON GENERAL AVIATION AND RURAL AIRPORTS FOR THE CONTINUED FLOW OF COMMERCE, TOURISTS AND VISITORS WHO COME TO ENJOY THE RESOURCES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, AND WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER \$61 MILLION IN ANNUAL EXPENDITURES; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEW MEXICO HAS 62 PUBLIC USE AVIATION FACILITIES, SIX AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWERS, EIGHT AIRPORTS WITH PASSENGER AIR SERVICE SERVING 5.7 MILLION PASSENGERS ANNUALLY, AND OVER 5,000 LICENSED PILOTS SERVING NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, RANCHES, AND FARMS; AND

**WHEREAS**, GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS ARE HOME TO THREE AIR TANKER BASES WHICH PROVIDE CRUCIAL FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE TO NEW MEXICO AND OUR NEIGHBORING STATES; AND

**WHEREAS**, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NEW MEXICO PILOTS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW MEXICO AIRPORT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, THE NEW MEXICO AVIATION AND AEROSPACE ASSOCIATION, THE ALLIANCE FOR AVIATION ACROSS AMERICA, THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS, THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE RECREATIONAL AVIATION FOUNDATION RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS AND IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND

**WHEREAS**, ACCORDING TO THE 2016 NEW MEXICO AIRPORT SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE, AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO SUPPORTS 18,476 JOBS, GENERATES \$723.4 MILLION IN PAYROLL ANNUALLY, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING \$2.3 BILLION INTO THE ECONOMY;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018 AS

## “NEW MEXICO AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.

ATTEST:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

