

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the great State of New Mexico has a vested and significant interest in the health and economic vitality of general aviation, commercial aviation, manufacturing, industry, vendors and contractors, educational institutions, and aviation organizations; and

WHEREAS, with 51 publicly-owned airports and more than 4,000 general aviation pilots, general aviation aircraft support a variety of functions vital to New Mexico, including mobility for businesses, tourism, aviation training, agricultural applications, and police and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, aviation in New Mexico supports nearly 48,800 jobs and generates \$1.3 billion in payroll annually, and produces a total of \$3.2 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, given our State's size and geography, many businesses and communities depend upon general aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for mobility, access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief, search and rescue and a wide range of critical resources; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an aviation and aerospace-friendly State which has a strong and supportive community that includes the New Mexico Pilots Association, the New Mexico Aviation and Aerospace Association, and the New Mexico Airport Managers Association; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexico communities depend on the continued flow of tourists and visitors who come to enjoy the resources and recreational activities available in the Land of Enchantment via private aircraft; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico takes pride in its role as a leader in the fields of aviation and aerospace with the construction of Spaceport America, which will launch the first commercial passenger space flights in the United States;

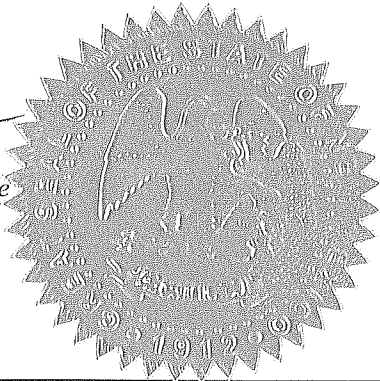
NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September, 2010 as:

"Aviation and Aerospace Appreciation Month"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Mary Herrera
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
2nd day of August, 2010.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson
Governor