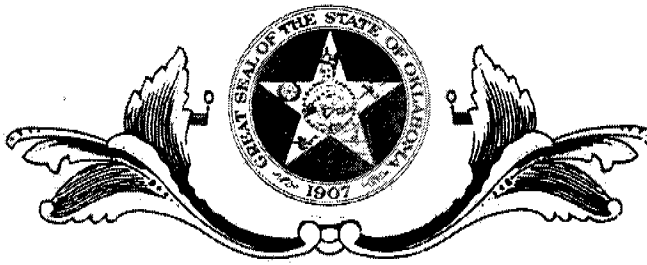


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



FILED

AUG 21 2012

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma has a significant interest in the viability and growth of general and business aviation, commercial aviation, military aviation, and unmanned aerial systems; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has a long and rich legacy in aviation. Clyde Cessna began his career here. Wiley Post, who twice set the record for flying around the world, discovered the jet stream and invented what would later become the first spacesuit. Two of the first commercial airlines, Braniff Airways and Southwest Air Fast Express, were started here and later became part of American Airways, now American Airlines. Parts were made here for the Apollo and space shuttle missions. Parts are now being made in Tulsa for the Boeing 787, the first commercial aircraft made mostly from composite materials. Oklahoma has produced more astronauts per capita than any other state. Among them are Gordon Cooper, one of the original Mercury 7 astronauts, and General Tom Stafford, commander of Apollo 10 that paved the way for the first lunar landing; and

Whereas, general aviation has an estimated \$1.2 billion economic impact in Oklahoma, boasting nearly 8,000 pilots and 11,000 aircraft. Oklahoma also has 139 public-use general aviation airports. General aviation is the gateway to the nation's airways and the world for communities across our state; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is one of the seven centers in the world for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft. Two big reasons for that are Tinker Air Force Base, the world's largest military aircraft repair facility, and the American Airlines Maintenance & Engineering Base, the largest commercial aircraft facility in the world. The aviation and aerospace industry has an annual economic output of \$12.4 billion, 10% of the state's total, provides 144,000 jobs, and yields just under a \$5 billion payroll. There are over 600 aviation and aerospace businesses in Oklahoma. Boeing, American Airlines, Spirit AeroSystems, NORLAM, Northrop Grumman, and FlightSafety all have a significant presence in the state. The FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, mission control for our nation's air transportation system, is also here. Oklahoma is a leader in the burgeoning field of unmanned aerial systems, being recently selected by the Department of Homeland Security as the site for testing robotic aircraft for public safety;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2012 as

"Aviation and Aerospace Appreciation Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 21st day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

Assistant Secretary of State
Michelle R. Day

Governor
Mary Fallin

39004