



**STATE OF TEXAS
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The Texas aviation industry is critical to our economy and to our way of life. Individuals, families, businesses and government agencies rely on air transportation to get from place to place, move cargo between businesses, keep our borders secure, control wildfires, support agriculture and more.

Today, general aviation and commercial service airports support hundreds of thousands of jobs. The 51,000 certified pilots and more than 19,400 active aircraft flying the Texas skies contribute \$59.5 billion to our economy and transport 7.8 billion pounds of cargo to the Lone Star State each year.

In recognition of the importance of aviation to our society, many Texas and national aviation organizations designate the month of November as a time to acknowledge this industry.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about aviation in our state and to recognize the contributions of the hardworking professionals who support all sectors of this vital industry.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 2013 to be

Aviation Appreciation Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 1st day of October, 2013.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas