

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of Vermont's citizens as well as in the operation of the State's businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, according to the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Vermont has 14 public-use general aviation airports, and the Alliance for Aviation Across America reports these airports serve 1,267 pilots and 545 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study dated February 11, 2015, titled "Contributions of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2013," general aviation in Vermont had a \$734 million total impact on economic output, supported 4,100 jobs, and had a \$217 million impact on labor income at the time of the study; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Vermont depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, aviation education, tourists, and visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby express my strong support for

**GENERAL AVIATION AND VERMONT'S AVIATION PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY VTRANS**

and for the continued advancement of general aviation
economic development opportunities in the State.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 19th day of July, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor