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Governor McMaster proclaims 2021 South Carolina Aviation Week
*SC Aviation Association and SC Aeronautics Commission promote economic
and educational impact of aviation industry August 15-21*

Columbia, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster has proclaimed August 15 – 21 South Carolina Aviation Week. South Carolina Aviation Association, in partnership with South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, is celebrating the week with a series of events that highlight the impact aviation has on economic development and educational initiatives.

South Carolina has six commercial service airports, 58 general aviation airports and five military airfields. Each of these facilities provide essential support to the state’s diversified business base through recreational flying, providing gateways to communities and tourism, accommodating agricultural spraying, supporting air cargo and air freight shipments, helping law enforcement, supporting military operations, providing access in times of emergency and supporting medicine and healthcare.

“South Carolina Aviation Week provides the opportunity to celebrate the impacts of the state’s airport system and aviation industry on growth, economic development and education,” said South Carolina Aviation Association President Terry Connorton. “By inviting stakeholders, legislators and the public to local airports, we can demonstrate the touchpoints of aviation and airports on our lives, our communities and our state as a whole.”

The state’s aviation industry supports more than 122,000 jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$4.8 billion. Annually, at least \$16.3 billion in economic activity can be traced to aviation in South Carolina.

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and education impact of airports and the aviation industry. Celebrated August 15 – 21, 2021, and centered around National Aviation Day on August 19, Aviation Week is planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

SCAA actively promotes and encourages aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals. Its membership is comprised of airports, aviation industry partners and aviators across South Carolina. For more information, please visit scaaonline.com.

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