

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is home to 58 publicly owned, public use airports including six commercial service airports and 54 general aviation airports, along with five busy military airfields that provide essential support to South Carolina's diversified business base, increasing population, and growing tourism industry; and
- WHEREAS,** airports support and assist South Carolina in many ways, including recreational flying, providing a gateway to communities and tourist attractions, accommodating agricultural spraying, supporting air cargo and air freight shipments, helping law enforcement, supporting the military and its operations, providing access in times of emergency, and supporting medical needs and the medical profession; and
- WHEREAS,** many businesses in our state rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transportation of people and goods; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2018 South Carolina Airport Economic Impact report, more than 2.6 million visitors to South Carolina arrive by aircraft, and commercial service and general aviation airports support more than 122,000 jobs, accounting for an additional \$16.3 billion to the state's economy annually; and
- WHEREAS,** early, active, and intentional involvement from a young age generates and reinforces a desire to engage with the aviation industry, and aviation education programs create skilled professionals for the aviation and aerospace industry; and
- WHEREAS,** with more than 400 aerospace-related companies in the Palmetto State, aviation is a multibillion-dollar industry that supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and contributes millions of dollars each year in tax revenues to state and local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 - 29, 2023, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AVIATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize aviation for its significant contributions to our quality of life and economic growth and stability.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA