

New York Governor Cuomo Declares May 2013 “Aviation Appreciation Month”

The New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA) applauds New York Governor Andrew Cuomo as he celebrates the state’s airports and aviation industries and their contributions to New York State by issuing a proclamation formally declaring May 2013 Aviation Appreciation Month.

The NYAMA-backed legislative resolutions requesting the Governor's action—passed by the Assembly and Senate—were sponsored by Senator William Larkin and Member of the Assembly Donna Lupardo, Co-Chairs of the New York Legislative Aviation Caucus.

“This proclamation is a great recognition of the importance of our industry,” said NYAMA President Ann Crook. “I would like to thank Governor Cuomo and especially Senator Larkin, Assemblywoman Lupardo, and all members of the New York Legislative Aviation Caucus for their support of NYAMA and aviation in New York, which contributes tens of billions of dollars to our state’s economy annually.”

The recent announcement of Aviation Appreciation Month comes as New York aviation received a significant boost in this year’s recently enacted State Budget. Ten million dollars in new capital funding for both the state match of the federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and for airport projects under the state’s Airport Improvement and Revitalization (AIR ‘99) program was included in the 2013-2014 budget. The AIR ‘99 program had previously been unfunded since 2010.

“I’m thrilled to see Governor Cuomo once again showing his support for aviation by joining the Legislature in proclaiming May 2013 as Aviation Appreciation Month in New York State,” said Senator Larkin. “Aviation Appreciation Month presents an excellent opportunity for state government to not only recognize aviation’s important role in our state, but to enact pro-growth, pro-job policies centered around our state’s aviation industry. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo and my legislative colleagues to accomplish these initiatives in the near future.”

"Aviation Appreciation Month reminds us how important the aviation industry is to the economy of New York State," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo. "By working together, we can continue to make important investments that will enhance air and passenger service, while creating jobs. Revitalizing airports remains a top priority and I look forward to working with the Governor, my legislative colleagues, and airport advocates in the future."

The Governor’s Proclamation says in part:

“The State’s aviation industry contributes a significant amount of economic benefit to the state; creating over \$50 billion in annual economic activity, employing more than 394,500 New York State residents, and generating \$18 billion in payroll tax revenue and \$4.5 billion in state and local tax revenue annually.”

“Business aviation is a critical tool for companies in New York to improve efficiency, save money and open up opportunities for rural areas not served by commercial aviation, thereby bringing new business, investment and jobs to all areas of the state.”

The New York Aviation Management Association is a non-profit association representing over 400 commercial service and general aviation airports, fixed based operators, consultants, engineers and other aviation industries and professionals. NYAMA remains devoted to promoting airport development and representing the needs of the entire aviation industry. It is the only nonprofit, open membership organization in New York dedicated to preserving and enhancing the safety and capacity of New York's airports and airways.