

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency and innovation. The aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality; and

WHEREAS: Local leaders in government and in the community recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security and citizen-safety of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Harriet Quimby who, in 1911 became the first woman to earn a pilot certificate and cross the English Channel, to Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934, to Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space, to Jeana Yeager who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986, to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986, to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle Pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and

WHEREAS: During the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft and manufacturing industry are female; and

WHEREAS: It is agreed that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort by government, industry and dedicated organizations and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum and expose girls to positive female role models;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as:

GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of promoting women in aerospace by supporting aerospace education activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State