



March 16, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Post Office Box 11829
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of aviation in South Carolina, I am requesting that you recognize aviation in South Carolina this year with a proclamation designating the week of August 23-29 as a celebration of aviation in South Carolina. During the week, the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and the South Carolina Aviation Association have planned a number of events that will recognize, promote and celebrate aviation in our state. We will highlight aviation education, aviation safety, the aerospace industry, aviation service and airports in South Carolina.

Our association would greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend a signing ceremony with you and our association's Executive Committee. We understand that you are extremely busy, but hope you can schedule a ceremony and photo opportunity.

To assist you with our request, I have taken the liberty of including a draft proclamation. If SCAA can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call Sarah Gray at 803-252-7128.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping provide recognition for the role aviation plays in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Don Purcell
SC Aviation Association President

cc: SC Aviation Association Board of Directors
SC Aeronautics Commission

Bullet Points for SC Aviation Week

The mission of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission is to foster air commerce by overseeing the safety and development of the state's public use airports and providing safe, reliable air transportation for state government and business prospects.

The mission of the South Carolina Aviation Association is to actively promote and encourage aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals.

South Carolina has six commercial service airports, 61 general aviation airports and four busy military airfields that are essential underpinnings to South Carolina's diversified business base, growing population and growing tourism industry.

Airports support and assist South Carolina through many activities 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.

Many businesses in South Carolina rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transport of people and goods.

Aviation, commercial service airports, general aviation airports, and military airfields in South Carolina support more than 70,000 jobs. With more than 100 aerospace related companies in South Carolina, aviation is a multi-billion dollar industry. Aviation and airports in South Carolina also contribute millions each year in tax benefits to state and local government.