

A PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE YEAR 2003, “THE YEAR OF AVIATION” IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHEREAS, the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of powered flight in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the first airplane to fly into New Hampshire was a Burgess-Wright biplane; and

WHEREAS, the Granite State has proudly produced citizens who have had a significant impact on aviation and the world – from the first man in space to the first teacher in space; and,

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society has been established to preserve our long heritage of involvement in aviation; and,

WHEREAS, a growing and robust aerospace industry has emerged in New Hampshire and is assisting in our path to prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, the Aviation Users Advisory Board supports aviation on a state and national level and seeks opportunities for continued improvement in aviation infrastructure and growth; and,

WHEREAS, air transportation is critically important to our nation and to New Hampshire’s efficient transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **CRAIG BENSON**, GOVERNOR of the state of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim the year 2003 as **THE YEAR OF AVIATION** in New Hampshire. I encourage all citizens to pay tribute to aviation and aviation organizations throughout the Granite State.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this fourth day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and three, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty-seven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig R. Benson", is written over a horizontal line.

Craig R. Benson
Governor of New Hampshire