



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS:

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers accomplished the first powered flight of a "heavier-than-air" aircraft, and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and adventures ever witnessed by human-kind; and

WHEREAS:

Since that date, Minnesota has become a recognized leader in the aerospace industry and is the home to numerous well-known aviation companies including Northwest Airlines, NATCO, Cirrus Design Corporation, Bellanca Inc., Mesaba Aviation, BRS Inc., Wipaire Inc., 3M, Rosemount Engineering, Honeywell Inc., and others; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota is also the home to many world re-known air and space pioneers including, Charles Lindbergh, Robert Cabana, George "Pinky" Nelson, and others; and

WHEREAS:

Aviation is a vitally important economic engine and as a transportation source, connects Minnesota to the global markets while contributing to strong job and fiscal growth within the state and region; and

WHEREAS:

The future of aviation is dependent upon a well informed and educated populace, and this celebration of powered flight is also a celebration of the ingenuity and creativity of Americans as well as America's contributions to air and space flight.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that the month of December 2002 shall be observed as:

## Centennial of Flight Celebration Kickoff Month

In the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th day of September in the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred forty-fourth.

The signature of Governor Jesse Ventura, written in cursive ink.

GOVERNOR

The signature of Mary Kiffmeyer, written in cursive ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE