WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s 132 public-use airports provide reliable access to regional and world markets for business and leisure travelers throughout the year, transporting nearly six million passengers and more than 106 million pounds of cargo in 2018; and

WHEREAS, aviation not only drives Wisconsin’s economy, it improves our overall quality of life and enhances public safety by providing vital emergency medical transportation and assisting law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation supported these valuable assets by managing more than $75 million in investments for airport development and safety projects in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing aviation-related funds, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation fosters the love of flight within our state’s youth by facilitating opportunities like the Aviation Careers Education program, which provides high school students with valuable work experience, mentoring, and first-hand knowledge about aviation careers; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation also partners with the Wisconsin Airport Management Association to operate the Fly Wisconsin Airport Passport Program, which encourages recreational flight to our state’s airports, increases safety knowledge, and further develops pilot skills for more than 1,200 pilots throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, from July 22 through July 28, the focus of the aeronautics world will be on Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration,” also known as the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture, takes place and approximately 590,000 people and 10,000 aircrafts generate more than $170 million in total sales and more than $96.5 million in total income;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 22 – 28, 2019, as AVIATION WEEK throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of July 2019.

Tony Evers
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State