AEROSPACE STATES ASSOCIATION

The Aerospace States Association

Resolution 2024-4

ACKNOWLEDGE PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST AEROSPACE DAY

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held its inaugural Aerospace Day at the state capitol in Harrisburg on May 7th, marking a significant milestone in the recognition and promotion of Pennsylvania's aviation, aerospace, and space sectors; and,

WHEREAS, a strong industrial base, supported by dedicated academic institutions and community partners, is crucial for fostering innovation, workforce development, and sustained economic growth within these sectors; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania boasts a robust and dynamic aviation, aerospace, and space industry that contributes significantly to the state's economy, technological advancements, and national security; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's aerospace assets include nearly 13,000 primary jobs and more than 23,000 associated jobs with the gross regional product for the industry of around \$3.4 billion, and an estimated total annual tax revenue of \$185 million; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania also supports 1,870 National Aeronautics and Space Administration jobs and has been the birth place of 18 NASA astronauts; and,

WHEREAS, the leadership and vision of Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and the Keystone Space Collaborative, as well as students from Spring Grove Area High School's Rocketry Team, hosted the first-ever Aerospace Day at the Capitol to highlight the opportunities in the aerospace and aviation industries in Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Spring Grove Area Rocketry Team's accomplishments are a shining example of what can be achieved by young Pennsylvanians when they look to the stars to not only leverage Pennsylvania's rich history in Aerospace but also develop technologies to push new boundaries, building their futures through education in the aerospace industry right here in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a new chapter of the Aerospace States Association in Pennsylvania is a testament to the Commonwealth's commitment to the sustainment and growth of its aviation, aerospace, and space sectors, ensuring continued progress and leadership in these critical fields;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association hereby acknowledges and commends the celebration of the first Aerospace Day at the state capitol in Harrisburg on May 7th and the establishment of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Aerospace States Association.

ADOPTED ON THIS 2000, 2024.

ASA Secretary/Lt Governor Josh Tenorio, Guam