



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA), a professional association for the elected officials who are first in line of succession to the governors in the 50 states and five territorial jurisdictions, I am writing to assert the support of the nation's lieutenant governors for a robust aerospace industry, and to affirm NLGA support and encouragement of related issues such as promoting STEM education and the value of space exploration.

Specifically, a Presidential Proclamation for the observance of September 16, 2009, as National Aerospace Day would be in supportive concert of NLGA positions and work on the important issue of aerospace.

National Aerospace Day would formally recognize the contributions of the aerospace Industry and its 655,000 highly skilled aerospace employees as a driver of our economy, a vital link in our national infrastructure, and a critical component of our national security. This industry is also a leader in research and development and as an inspiration to young people to pursue careers in a wide range of engineering disciplines.

Over the last century Americans have witnessed many significant milestones of flight. The Wright brothers achieved powered flight. Charles Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic, paving the way for trans-Atlantic flight. Squadrons of American fighters escorted squadrons of bombers to victory in the Second World War. Chuck Yeager in the X-1 broke the sound barrier. The mass use of commercial aviation grew to become our chief form of long distance travel. The Apollo program landed twelve American's on the moon, and returned them safely to our Earth. NLGA continues to support aerospace and efforts to recognize and promote same, such as recognition of the nation's Aerospace Industry through a Presidential Proclamation.

Thank you for your attention and for your consideration of our request.

Best regards,

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