

The Academy of Model Aeronautics thanks you again for registering for National Model Aviation Day. We are very excited for this event, and believe that with your help this event will help to promote the hobby on a national scale.

In the future, the Academy would like for National Model Aviation Day to be a recognizable annual celebration. To help in this effort, we encourage clubs to work with their state to secure a state proclamation. If all 50 states receive the proclamation, perhaps one day, National Model Aviation Day will receive national recognition.

Most states offer an online option for requesting proclamations. The online application is usually available on the state's homepage.

Here are some helpful hints:

What is a state proclamation?

A state proclamation is the most significant of non-legal, yet official forms of recognition issued by the Governor. Proclamations call attention to a particular subject at the request of the public. They designate a period of time (day, week, or month) for focusing and raising awareness of a specific cause.

Proclamations are of interest to a considerable sector of the population and are produced for events of either regional or statewide significance and issued in conjunction with programs sponsored by organizations, schools and other institutions. Proclamations are sometimes initiated by an individual or local group identifying a cause which impacts the region and warrants a call to action.

What are the requirements for submitting a state proclamation?

1. Dependent upon the state, state proclamations often require that the proclamation request be submitted well in advance of the event date. This is to allow for the approval process.
2. Generally, proclamations are not automatically renewed so requests must be made on an annual basis.
3. Most states will require suggested content of the proclamation but reserve the right to make any changes.
4. Many states require that a resident of the state request the proclamation.

What should a proclamation include?

1. A specific date and due date for the proclamation. For 2019, the Academy has requested a state proclamation by July 1, 2019 to have ample time to promote the events in the state that will take part in National Model Aviation Day.
2. Some states provide a template for submitting content. Most states, including those with suggested templates, require that the proclamation be written using the WHEREAS

sentence structure. Again, the Governor's Office reserves the right to alter the wording of any requested proclamation.

3. If your state does not provide specific information about length or formatting, please try to fit the proclamation on a single page and use 12 point font. Many states require that sufficient room be left for the signatures of the Governor and the Secretary of State as well as the State Seal.
4. Please include a contact name, phone number, and email and mailing address.

Suggested content for a state proclamation:

WHEREAS, August 15, 2020 marks the first official declaration of National Model Aviation Day. The yearly celebration has been announced to encourage model aviation clubs around the country to promote the hobby and raise money to give back to a charitable cause.

WHEREAS, model aviation has become a respected hobby and educational tool since the late 1400's with Leonardo de Vinci's first design of flying machines. A yearly celebration has been announced to encourage model aviation clubs around the country to promote the hobby and raise money to give back to a charitable cause.

WHEREAS, the Academy of Model Aeronautics represents more than 155,000 international members, and is a congressionally recognized community based organization.

WHEREAS, the **Club Name** will promote National Model Aviation Day to people of all ages to learn and experience the thrill and fantasy of flight. As one of the Academy of Model Aeronautics' 2400 clubs we plan to participate and share our knowledge of model aviation with the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Person, title, state** do hereby proclaim August 15, 2020 as National Model Aviation Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of **city** name in the **state name** on date.

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