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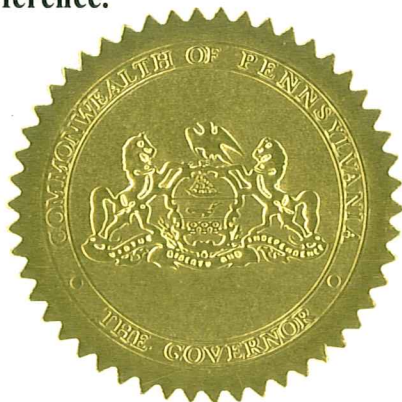
It is my distinct pleasure to join with the Philadelphia International Airport in welcoming everyone gathered for the 50th Annual Conference of the American Association of Airport Executives Northeast Chapter (NEC-AAAE) celebrating the theme, "Setting the Gold Standard."

Since the Wright brothers amazed the world with their daring invention of powered flight, generations of innovators, explorers, and adventurers have taken to the skies with a pioneering spirit and determination.

The Northeast Chapter is the first of the six AAEE chapters to reach this anniversary milestone, and should be proud of its heritage and accomplishments. These are exciting and challenging times for the airline industry. Whether it is safety or security, new airline entrants or mergers, green Airport initiatives, FAA reauthorization or airspace redesign, the aviation environment is constantly changing and evolving. This Annual Conference will address a myriad of important, topical airport issues, providing sessions and exhibitions, as well as local festivities and spouse and guest activities.

During your visit to Philadelphia, I hope you will take the time to enjoy everything this exciting city has to offer—from its numerous cultural and scenic treasures to its fine dining and gracious hospitality. A short distance from your event you will find icons of our proud American heritage—the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the National Constitution Center, to name a few. There is something for everyone in this great city, and we welcome you to make many new memories here at the crossroads of big city excitement and hometown hospitality.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I welcome everyone gathered for the 50th Annual Conference of the American Association of Airport Executives Northeast Chapter. Best wishes for a memorable and successful conference.



Edward G. Rendell

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Governor
August 9-12, 2008

PROCLAMATION

The Northeast Chapter (NEC) of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) is first among six chapters to reach their 50th anniversary and we are honored that you have selected Philadelphia - the birthplace of America for your landmark bi-centennial celebration, "Setting the Gold Standard".

Like our Country's forbearers, the early meetings of the regional conference charged its founders with the responsibility to further develop and uphold the goals of the organization with a strong commitment for a better understanding of airport-related problems within their geographical confines.

Since its inception 50 years ago, the Northeast Chapter has been a cornerstone of America's aviation industry promoting professional stability in the administrative functions of airport control. These are both exciting and challenging times for the aviation industry. The organization has worked keenly to foster public recognition and respect of the airport executive profession.

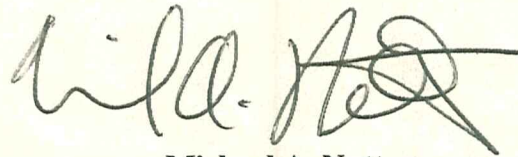
We respectfully recognize the hard work and dedication of more than 400 members representing airports from 11 states, including Pennsylvania and 5 Canadian Provinces, which make up the chapter.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2008 as

Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives Day

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to use this occasion to recognize the high standards set forth by the Northeast Chapter in encouraging active, consistent and constructive participation in the organization.



Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the
Seal of the City of Philadelphia,
this twenty-sixth day of May, two
thousand and eight.

