Aerospace States Association Passes Resolution Supporting July 20 as Lunar Landing Day - a National Day of Observance

National aerospace policy organization adds its support as bipartisan legislation advances to the U.S. House of Representatives

Sacramento, Calif. (Aug - 2026) — The Aerospace States Association (ASA), a national organization representing state and territorial leaders on aerospace and aviation policy, has passed a resolution supporting the designation of July 20 as Lunar Landing Day, a national day of observance honoring the Apollo 11 Moon landing and America's legacy of exploration, innovation and discovery.

The resolution adds another influential voice to the growing national coalition supporting Lunar Landing Day. Bipartisan legislation establishing the national day of observance, introduced by U.S. Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-MT) with support from U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), passed the U.S. Senate in July and now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration.

"The support of the Aerospace States Association is incredibly meaningful because ASA is an important voice in aerospace policy and brings together leaders from across the country who understand both the history and the future of American leadership in space," said Robert Slater, M.D., founder of the Lunar Landing Day Initiative. "With the Senate's bipartisan passage of Lunar Landing Day legislation and the bill now moving to the House, ASA's support adds significant momentum to our effort to permanently establish July 20 as a national day of observance."

ASA brings together lieutenant governors, governor-appointed delegates, state legislators, territorial and tribal government representatives, as well as leaders from the aerospace industry and academia, to advance state perspectives on national aerospace and aviation policy.

Lunar Landing Day commemorates July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon while Michael Collins orbited above in the command module Columbia. Hundreds of thousands of Americans made the achievement possible, and it established the United States as the world leader in space exploration.

The effort to establish Lunar Landing Day has earned the support of the four surviving moonwalkers—Buzz Aldrin, Dave Scott, Charlie Duke and Jack Schmitt—as well as former NASA flight directors, astronauts, museum leaders and space advocates nationwide. The growing coalition includes supporters in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., along with The Explorers Club, the National Space Society, the Aldrin Family Foundation and more than 40 museums and science centers.

If enacted, Lunar Landing Day would be a national day of observance, not a federal holiday, encouraging schools, museums, science centers and communities across the country to use July 20 for educational programming and civic events celebrating America's legacy of exploration, innovation and discovery.

"Landing on the Moon showed what Americans can accomplish when we unite around an ambitious goal," Slater said. "Establishing Lunar Landing Day will ensure we remember that extraordinary achievement while using it to inspire the scientists, engineers, innovators and explorers who will take us to the Moon and beyond."

For more information, visit lunarlandingday.net.