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### **GREG PRINCIPATO NAMED AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTIC ASSOCIATION**

Washington, DC, August 16, 2016 – The Board of Directors of the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) has approved the nomination of Greg Principato to become the association’s President and CEO.

Principato has served in numerous executive positions within the aviation and aerospace industry including President and CEO of the National Association of State Aviation Officials, President and CEO of Airports Council International, and Executive Director of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry.

“Greg brings great national experience and expertise in aviation to the position,” said Jim Albaugh, Chairman of NAA. “The Board looks forward to working with him.”

Principato, who will begin work on October 20, 2016, will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> Chief Executive of the 111-year old organization. He will replace Jonathan Gaffney, who has served as President and CEO since 2007.

"The National Aeronautic Association has always played an important role in telling the amazing story of aviation, and in showing the way to even greater achievement. It is truly an honor to be selected to lead this important organization," offered Principato.

*The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit membership organization devoted to fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and to promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States. NAA is the caretaker of some of the most important aviation awards in the world, and certifies all world and national aviation records set in the United States. For information, visit [www.naa.aero](http://www.naa.aero).*

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