



City of New Smyrna Beach Proclamation

Aviation Appreciation Month in Florida

WHEREAS: aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS: the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and

WHEREAS: there are 19 commercial service and 110 general aviation/community airports, helping make Florida the number two state for aerospace and aviation establishments in the United States; and

WHEREAS: more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and

WHEREAS: Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 144.9 million passengers annually, ranking Florida second in the nation; and

WHEREAS: international airports in Florida accommodate more than 29.1 million international passengers annually, which is 14.5 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

WHEREAS: Florida has made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida, with more than half of Florida's visitors (50.5 percent) arriving each year by air; and

WHEREAS: Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and

WHEREAS: air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida; and

WHEREAS: in total, aviation represents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS: numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS: organizations like the Florida Airport Council, Florida Aviation Trades Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hathaway, Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Florida and declare April, 2015 to be,

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and urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport, for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:


JOHNNY R. BLEDSOE
CITY CLERK


JAMES W. HATHAWAY
MAYOR