

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, there are 127 public-use airports in the state, serving 51,671 pilots and 25,328 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, across Florida, the aviation industry supports over 1 million jobs with an annual payroll of over \$30 billion. General Aviation airports support over 54,000 jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation Airports account for nearly 80% of all aircraft operations in the State of Florida. According to the Florida Department of Transportation, the annual economic impact of General Aviation Airports in Florida is \$6 billion; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 190 charter flight companies, 509 repair stations, 3 fractional providers, and 73 flight schools operating 858 aircraft and providing 3,500 jobs. In addition, there are 154 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Florida depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; 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, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March, 2014 as

## *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in proclaiming General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2014.



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Mayor