

*Clare, Michigan Aviation 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 Michigan 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: Michigan is home to 235 public use airports that serve 14,558 pilots and 6,112 active general aviation aircraft. Additionally, the state is home to 121 fixed-based operators, 100 repair stations, 7 flight schools and 489 heliports; and*

*WHEREAS: general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of \$4.1 billion to Michigan's economy; and*

*WHEREAS: aviation not only drives Michigan's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by providing vital emergency medical transportation, enhancing public safety by assisting law enforcement, and transporting business and leisure travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and*

*WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and*

*THEREFORE, I, Mayor Patrick Humphrey of Clare, Michigan, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Clare and declare April to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.*

*Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014:*



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*Patrick Humphrey, Mayor  
City of Clare, County of Clare,  
State of Michigan*