



City of St. Augustine

La Lealísima y Valerosa Ciudad de San Agustín de la Florida



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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, across Florida, the aviation industry supports over 1 million jobs with an annual payroll of over \$30 billion; and 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 with an annual economic impact of \$6 billion, according to the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters, with 127 public-use airports in the state, serving 51,671 pilots and 25,328 general aviation aircraft; 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, as well as 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, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Florida and declares **May 2014** to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, in the four hundred and forty-eighth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Mayor Joseph L. Boles, Jr.

"Most Loyal and Valorous"

Tit...ed upon ...io of St. Augustine by King Philip V of Spain, November 26, 1715

