

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

WHEREAS, there are 97 public use airports and over 360 private airports in the state of Oregon which are part of the essential national system of airports serving our nation's 617,000 pilots; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 400 aviation related businesses in 78 cities throughout Oregon with an average wage of over \$62,395; and,

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

WHEREAS, airports in Oregon were responsible for over 12,000 family wage jobs in 78 cities around the state and over \$2 billion in economic impact attributable to the states aviation industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary H. Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim Medford to be an "Air-Minded City" and declare May to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join us in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
1st day of May, 2014.

Gary H. Wheeler
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Mayor of Medford