

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## General Aviation Month 2017

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, farms and community; and

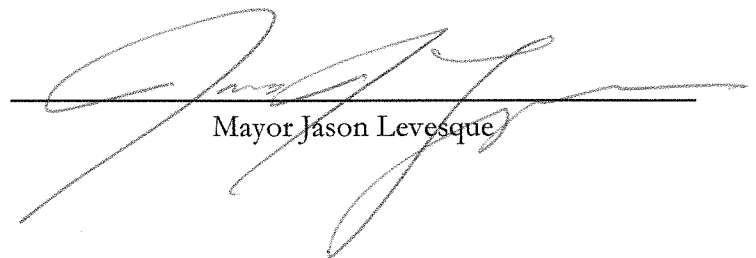
WHEREAS General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies, natural disasters, and rescue missions, and organizations like Patient Airlift Services (PALS) and air ambulances, in addition to police, warden, and mail services utilize general aviation to support daily operations connecting our rural communities; and

WHEREAS Maine depends heavily on general aviation and our community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state;

WHEREAS Auburn Lewiston Airport - a tourism and cargo gateway - brings significant economic and employment benefit to the twin cities area;

WHEREAS Auburn Lewiston airport is the busiest airport in the State of Maine for runway operations, with an average of 1,450 travelers and more than 300,000 pounds of cargo;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jason Levesque, Mayor of Auburn, Maine do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Auburn and declare December 2017 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

  
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Mayor Jason Levesque

