

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF BINGHAMTON

General Aviation Month

By the Mayor of the City of Binghamton

A 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 New York 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 90 public-use airports in New York State that are used by 17,449 pilots and 6,457 general aviation aircraft. According to New York Department of Transportation, the economic impact of general aviation airports is \$1.06 billion. The total economic impact of aviation is more than \$50 billion, and;

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

WHEREAS, many communities in New York depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

Now, therefore, I, Richard C. David, Mayor of the City of Binghamton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Code and Laws of the City of Binghamton do hereby proclaim May, 2014 to be "General Aviation Month" in the City of Binghamton. I encourage our citizens to recognize the nation's aviation infrastructure as an important public benefit for all.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year two thousand and fourteen.

Richard C. David, Mayor