## A Proclamation

- WHEREAS, West Virginia General Aviation and local airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities, and the State of West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, General Aviation benefits West Virginia through corporate, private, charter, and air tax travel; shipping and express air freight services; firefighting; public safety and law enforcement; weather and traffic reporting; and recreation and tourism; and
- WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations, and a wide range of critical resources; and
- WHEREAS, West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and
- WHEREAS, West Virginia airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and
- WHEREAS, the use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Catherine A. Goings, Mayor of the City of Clarksburg, do hereby proclaim October, 2017 as:

## "General Aviation Appreciation Month"

in the City of Clarksburg and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is and the role it plays in economic development.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Clarksburg to be affixed hereto.

CATHERINE A. GOINGS, MAYOR CITY OF CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

ATTEST:

ANNETTE M. WRIGHT, CITY CLERK