

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, every year general aviation activities at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport have an substantial economic impact on the City of Fernandina Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than nine million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS, more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air. More than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product is the result of businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or have a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John A. Miller, Mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fernandina Beach and further declare the month of April, 2018 as:

'GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH'

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, John A. Miller, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of April 2018.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH



John A. Miller
Mayor - Commissioner