

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, year after year the general aviation activities at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport expand commerce opportunities and contribute substantially to the economic vitality of Fernandina Beach and its surrounding communities; 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 a considerable 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 2019 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 1st day of April 2019.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH



John A. Miller
Mayor - Commissioner