

By Mayor Lydia L. Mihalik Findlay, Ohio

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 City of Findlay 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: Ohio general aviation airports contribute nearly \$5.5 billion or \$478 per capita, to the state's economy yearly. General aviation airports alone are responsible for \$1.7 billion in economic activity annually. The total economic impact of aviation in Ohio is \$10.5 billion; and

WHEREAS: The total employment impact of all airports in Ohio is 142,800 jobs with an annual payroll of nearly \$3.2 billion. Ohio's 98 general aviation system airports support a payroll of nearly \$287.3 million. The total direct and induced impact was 17,352 jobs and \$498 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Ohio Aviation Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Ohio and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: Many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lydia L. Mihalik, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, do hereby proclaim December 2014, as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In Findlay, and invite all citizens to recognize the importance of local community airports.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Findlay, Ohio, to be affixed this 1st day of December 2014.