

Proclamation

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 state of Ohio 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: According to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio support 17,497 jobs and \$688 million in annual payroll. According to the same source, fractional aircraft companies, including NetJets, MaxFlight and Flight Options employ more than 1,400 Ohio workers; and

WHEREAS: According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,586 pilots and 6,319 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: According to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; 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 the month of December 2017, 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 20th day of November 2017.

Lydia Mihalik
Lydia L. Mihalik, Mayor