



City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Executive Department

Stephen L. DiNatale

MAYOR

A Proclamation

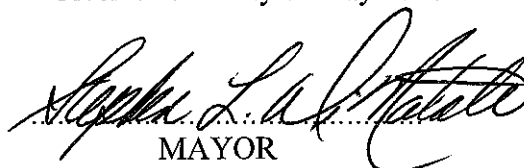
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2016

- Whereas,* the City of Fitchburg in the state of Massachusetts has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports; and
- Whereas,* general aviation and the Fitchburg Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the city; and
- Whereas,* according to the MassDOT Aeronautics Division, the state is home to 30 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 7,968 pilots and 2,663 active general aviation aircraft; and
- Whereas,* according to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports contribute more than \$516 million to the Massachusetts economy; and
- Whereas,* additionally the same study found that general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 4,466 jobs and a total payroll of over \$169 million.
- Whereas,* general aviation not only supports Massachusetts' 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, Stephen L. DiNatale, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fitchburg, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fitchburg and declare May as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"
In the City of Fitchburg.

Given this 4th day of May 2016


MAYOR