

In Recognition of GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS

On The Occasion Of DECEMBER RECOGNIZED AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, airports serve as a key part of our nation's infrastructure and are an important public benefit that not only creates travel ease for our residents, it allows commerce in Franklin County to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the known economic benefits provided by general aviation in Ohio support nearly 123,500 jobs, generates almost \$4.2 billion in annual payroll, and provides more than a \$13 billion economic impact on the state, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation's 2014 report on the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio's Office of Aviation notes that the state has an airport system of 151 public use facilities including airports, heliports and seaplane landing areas, with more than 8,000 registered aircraft and about 18,000 registered pilots; and,

WHEREAS, aviation and airports in general provide a public benefit that the Franklin County Commissioners want to recognize and support; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County relies on these airports and pilots to ensure that commerce remains uninhibited and so that tourists visit Franklin County with ease while Franklin County residents can travel unrestrained; and,

WHEREAS, the commissioners want to encourage the continual growth of general aviation overall; now, therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

To recognize and congratulate, on behalf of all Franklin County residents, GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS on the occasion of DECEMBER AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

Voting Aye thereon:

Marilyn Brown, President

John, O'Grady

Kevin L. Boyce