

Office of the Mayor County of Kana'i

roclamation

Hawai'i General Aviation

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 Hawai'i 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 FFA data, Hawai'i is home to 3,150 pilots and 486 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2013 Hawai'i State Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation supports 7,449 jobs statewide. Overall, Hawai'i's airport system supports 100,621 jobs with an annual payroll of \$3.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to 13 repair stations, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 622 student pilots and 656 flight instructors. In addition, there are 20 fixed-based operators in the state according to the AC-U-KWIK director; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Hawai'i depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BERNARD P. CARVALHO, JR., Mayor, County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital resource to the State of Hawai'i and declare December as

General Aviation Appreciation Month



DONE at the Līhu'e Civic Center, Lihue County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i this 3rd Day of December 2014.

> Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. Mayor, County of Kaua'i State of Hawai'i



Hookani ka pahu