



Kendall W. Lane
Mayor

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS: The City of Keene and the state of New Hampshire have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

WHEREAS: General aviation and the Dillant-Hopkins Airport have an immense economic impact on Keene; and

WHEREAS: According to the FAA, New Hampshire has 25 public-use airports that serve 3,691 pilots and 1,187 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2015 New Hampshire State Airport System Plan, the economic output of general aviation in New Hampshire is over \$1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2015 New Hampshire State Airport System Plan, general aviation in New Hampshire's aviation system supports 776 jobs in the State; and

WHEREAS: General aviation not only supports New Hampshire's 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, **Kendall W. Lane, Mayor** of the City of Keene, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Keene and declare March as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Keene.

Kendall W. Lane, Mayor