

Office of the Mayor

LaGrange, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange in the State of Georgia has 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 local airports, including LaGrange-Callaway Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of LaGrange; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 106 public-use airports, which serve 18,325 pilots and 5,228 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 97 fixed-based operators, 128 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,008 student pilots and 3,184 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Georgia contributes over \$1.2 billion to the State's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Georgia'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.

THEREFORE, I, Jim Thornton, Mayor of the City of LaGrange, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of LaGrange and declare November to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Jim Thornton
Attest: *[Signature]*
Date: November 1, 2014