

# City of Litchfield, Illinois

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Litchfield, in the state of Illinois, has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airport; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Litchfield Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Litchfield; and

WHEREAS, according to the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, there are 98 public-use general aviation airports in Illinois. These airports support 14,117 general aviation pilots and 5,661 active general aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, *Contributions of General Aviation to the US Economy*, general aviation supports 42,400 jobs in Illinois, resulting in over \$3 billion in labor income; and

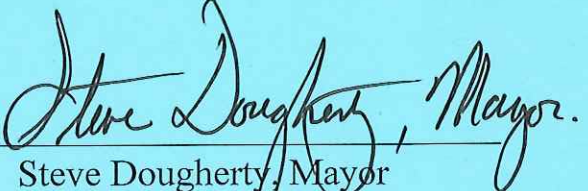
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Illinois' economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the nation's infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.

Now Therefore, I, Steve Dougherty, Mayor of the City of Litchfield, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Litchfield and declare June as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Litchfield, Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Litchfield, Illinois to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, in 2016 A.D.



  
Steve Dougherty, Mayor