

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and
- WHEREAS:** the State of Illinois has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organization, community airports and airport operators; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics, there are 98 public-use general aviation airports in Illinois, supporting more than 14,000 general aviation pilots and more than 5,600 aircraft; and
- WHEREAS:** according to Federal Aviation Administration data, Illinois is home to 96 repair stations, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,354 flight instructors and 3,119 student pilots; and
- WHEREAS:** many communities in Illinois support general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, aviation education, and travel for tourists and visitors to our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Macomb and the surrounding area have been served for nearly five decades by the Macomb Municipal Airport which has been frequently recognized as an "Outstanding General Aviation Airport."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of the City of Macomb, Illinois do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as:

General Aviation Appreciation Month in Macomb

and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of aviation in our local communities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Macomb Illinois, to be affixed this 23rd day in the month of April, in the Year of Our Lord 2016.



Mayor