



PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2017

WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo in the state of North Carolina 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 the Dare County Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the Town of Manteo; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 public-use airports, which serve 13,771 pilots and 5,527 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 84 fixed-base operators, 66 repair stations, 113 heliports, 16 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,539 flight students and 2,532 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in North Carolina contributes over \$4 billion to the state's annual economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobby Owens, Mayor of the Town of Manteo, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Manteo and declare December as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the Town of Manteo.

This 15th day of December, 2017


Bobby Owens, Mayor