

# Proclamation

## General Aviation Appreciation Month—January 2018

*Whereas*, West Virginia General Aviation and local airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities and the State of West Virginia; and

*Whereas*, General Aviation benefits West Virginia through corporate, private, charter and air taxi travel; shipping and express air freight services; firefighting; public safety and law enforcement; weather and traffic reporting; and recreation and tourism; and

*Whereas*, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations and a wide range of critical resources; and

*Whereas*, West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and

*Whereas*, West Virginia airports provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the global marketplace; and

*Whereas*, the use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State; 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 Be It Resolved*, that I, George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg in the State of West Virginia hereby proclaim January 2018 as:

### General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Martinsburg and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

Attest:

  
Gena Long, City Recorder

  
Mayor George Karos

