

Proclamation

General Aviation Appreciation Month—January 2017

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 in West Virginia supports 5,300 jobs within the State, resulting in \$256 million in labor income. In addition, general aviation contributes over \$1 billion annually to the State's total economic output; and

Whereas, according to the WVDOT Aeronautics Commission, West Virginia is home to 17 General Aviation Airports. According to the FAA, West Virginia airports support 1,806 pilots and 855 active general aviation aircrafts; 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 2017 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 12th day of January, 2017

Attest:


Gena Long, City Recorder




Mayor George Karos