

Proclamation

General Aviation Appreciation Month—February 2019

Whereas, the City of Martinsburg in the State of West Virginia 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 Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Martinsburg; and

Whereas, West Virginia is home to 17 general aviation public airports, which serve 1,720 pilots and 1,021 active general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, West Virginia is home to 24 fixed-base operators, 11 repair stations, 67 heliports, 1 FAA approve pilot school, 487 flight students, and 283 flight instructors; and

Whereas, general aviation in West Virginia contributes over \$1 billion to the state's economy, annually; and

Whereas, general aviation not only supports West Virginia'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 Be It Resolved, that I, George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg in the State of West Virginia hereby proclaim February 2019 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 14th day of February, 2019

Attest:


Gena Long, City Recorder


Mayor George Karos

