## **Proclamation**

## General Aviation Appreciation Month—February 2020

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, 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, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

Whereas, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national 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; and

Whereas, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that I, George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg in the State of West Virginia hereby proclaim February 2020 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 20th day of February, 2020

Attest:

Gena Long, City Recorder

Mayor George Karos

