

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown, in the state of New Jersey has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Morristown Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, New Jersey has 43 public-use airports that serve 9,004 pilots and 2,379 active general aviation aircraft. According to the 2006 New Jersey State Airport System Plan, New Jersey's public use airports support more than 2.5 million general aviation operations each year; and

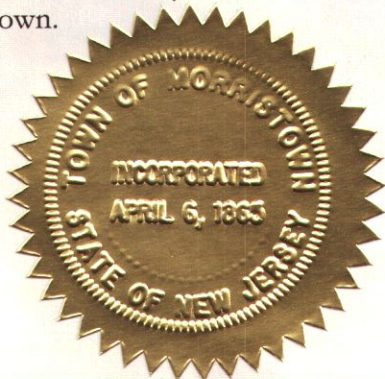
WHEREAS, FAA data shows that the state is home to 64 repair stations, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,885 student pilots and 1,607 flight instructors. In addition, there are 34 fixed-base operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the New Jersey State Airport System Plan, general aviation airports in New Jersey contribute more than \$1.7 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports New Jersey'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 to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy Dougherty, Mayor of the Town of Morristown, do hereby proclaim the month of February as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the Town of Morristown.



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Mayor