



City of New Smyrna Beach Proclamation

General Aviation Appreciation Month April 2018

WHEREAS: New Smyrna Beach 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 New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of New Smyrna Beach; and

WHEREAS: more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

WHEREAS: Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS: more than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports Florida'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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James W. Hathaway, Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of New Smyrna Beach and declare April, 2018 to be,

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and, urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport, for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of April, 2018.

**JAMES W. HATHAWAY
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JOHNNY R. BLEDSOE
CITY CLERK**