

PROCLAMATION General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville in the State of North Carolina has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports with general aviation and the Rockingham County NC Shiloh Airport having a vast economic impact on the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 publicly-owned general aviation airports, which serve 13,771 active pilots and 6,771 active general aviation aircraft, serving 84 fixed-base operators, 63 repair stations, 463 heliports, 16 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,539 flight students and 2,532 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, the total economic output of general aviation airports in North Carolina is over \$4 billion, while general aviation not only supports North Carolina's economy, but also 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, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor of the City of Reidsville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Reidsville and declare June as

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

and request that our citizens commend the significant contributions of the Alliance for Aviation Across America organization.

This the 7th day of June, 2016.

John M. "Jay" Donecker VMD, MS

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