

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF  ROANOKE

Proclamation

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke in the state of Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports;

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Roanoke;

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to 66 public-use airports, which serve 14,761 pilots and 5,309 registered aircraft;

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to 61 fixed-base operators, 49 repair stations, 136 heliports, 15 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,792 student pilots and 2,894 flight instructors;

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Virginia contribute about \$1.1 billion to the state's economy on an annual basis;

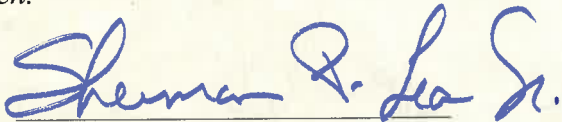
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Virginia's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

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.

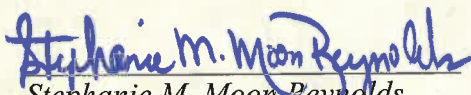
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sherman P. Lea, Sr., Mayor of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Roanoke and declare the month of August as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the City of Roanoke this twentieth day of August in the year two thousand and nineteen.




Sherman P. Lea, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds
City Clerk