

# PROCLAMATION

## General Aviation Appreciation

### April 2017

**WHEREAS**, Sebastian in the state of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and the Sebastian Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sebastian; 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's Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

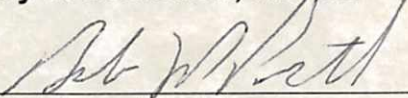
**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Florida's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

**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;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Bob McPartlan, Mayor of the City of Sebastian, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Sebastian and declare April as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in Sebastian.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sebastian to be affixed this 12th day of April 2017.

City of Sebastian, Florida

  
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Bob McPartlan, Mayor

