



PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastian in the state of Florida 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 Sebastian Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sebastian; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 109 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 59,568 pilots and 19,851 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 151 fixed-base operators, 554 repair stations, 299 public- and private-use heliports, 93 FAA approved pilot schools, 16,184 student pilots and 10,556 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Florida contribute more than \$7.7 billion to the state's economy annually; 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Sebastian, do hereby proclaim that 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, Florida to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2019.



City of Sebastian, Florida

Mayor Jim Hill