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## PROCLAMATION MARYLAND GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2014

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland has 36 public-use airports serving 7,782 pilots and 2,774 general aviation aircraft and general aviation supports 6,274 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports Study found that the annual economic impact of general aviation in Maryland is \$550.7 million; and

WHEREAS, Easton Airport is home base to 187 general aviation aircraft providing a total of 413 direct and indirect jobs generating \$22,507,000 in local business revenue, \$12,232,000 in local purchasing revenue, and \$1,836,000 in State and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, general aviation also plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters, including rescue operations such as air ambulance transports by fixed wing and rotorcraft, as well as police, warden, and mail services routinely utilized to support daily operations and communications; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Maryland depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY**, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Maryland and declare September to be General Aviation Appreciation Month in Talbot County.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE GREAT SEAL OF TALBOT COUNTY THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN.

Attest:

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