

PROCLAMATION

*General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018*

*WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick in the State of New York has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation and the Warwick Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the Village of Warwick; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the New York Department of Transportation Aviation Bureau, there are 108 public-use general aviation airports in New York. The FAA reports that these airports support 16,267 pilots and 5,116 active general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, FAA data shows that New York is home to 118 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,617 flight instructors and 4,108 student pilots. In addition, there are 75 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the comprehensive AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 587 heliports in New York; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation airports in New York account for 37,800 jobs and over \$2.9 billion in labor income; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports New York'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;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Newhard, Mayor of the Village of Warwick, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to Warwick and declare May as General Aviation Appreciation Month.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the Village of Warwick to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018*

*Michael J. Newhard*  
Michael J. Newhard, Mayor