



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsburg 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; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to 66 public-use airports, which serve 14,781 pilots and 5,309 registered aircraft; and

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; and

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

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, Paul T. Freiling, Mayor of the City of Williamsburg, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource and declare August as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, to be affixed, this Thirty-First day of July, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Freiling".

Paul T. Freiling, Mayor