

# Proclamation

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

*WHEREAS*, the state of Ohio has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use airports and 7,800 registered aircraft, serving 15,322 pilots; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; and

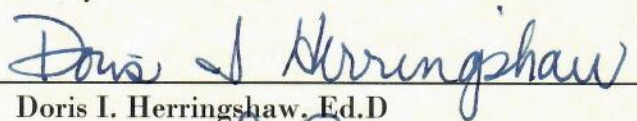
*WHEREAS*, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; and

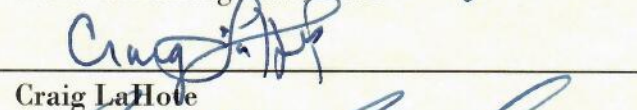
*WHEREAS*, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

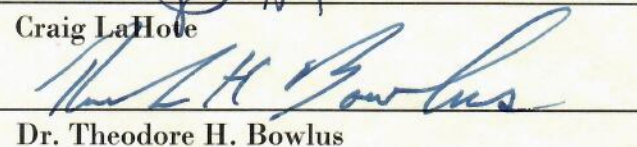
*THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the Board of County Commissioners, Wood County, hereby joins with the Wood County Regional Airport Authority Board in celebration of General Aviation Appreciation Month during December and urges all residents of Wood County to take advantage of the opportunity to learn about and utilize local aviation.

*WHEREUNTO*, we, the Board of County Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio, hereby set our hand this 6th day of December 2018.



  
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