

Proclamation

By Mayor Lydia L. Mihalik
Findlay, Ohio

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 City of Findlay 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: Ohio is home to 163 airports. Of the 105 publicly owned airports, 98 solely serve general aviation. 90% of Ohio's population is within a 30 minute drive to one or more airports able to land a business aircraft (5,000 foot long runway). There are 24,988 pilots and 10,113 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Ohio general aviation airports contribute nearly \$5.56 billion or \$478 per capita, to the state's economy yearly. General aviation airports alone are responsible for \$1.7 billion in economic activity annually. The total economic impact of aviation in Ohio is \$10.5 billion; and

WHEREAS: General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: The total employment impact of all airports in Ohio is 142,800 jobs with an annual payroll of nearly \$3.2 billion. Ohio's 98 general aviation system airports support a payroll of nearly \$287.3 million. The total direct and induced impact was 17,352 jobs and \$498.0 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS: Ohio is home to 60 charter flight companies, 131 airport stations, two fractional providers, and 13 flight schools operating 95 aircraft and providing 251 jobs. In addition, there are 124 fixed-based operators in the state; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lydia L. Mihalik, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, do hereby proclaim December 2013, as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In Findlay, and invite all citizens to recognize the importance of local community airports.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Findlay, Ohio, to be affixed this 1st day of December 2013.


Lydia L. Mihalik, Mayor