



America's Seaplane City™

***Aviation Appreciation Month
April 2014***

WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and

WHEREAS, there are 19 commercial service and 110 general aviation/community airports; and

WHEREAS, Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 143.5 million passengers annually, ranking Florida second in the nation; and

WHEREAS, international airports in Florida accommodate more than 28 million International passengers annually, which is 19.5 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, more than half (52.7 percent) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and

WHEREAS, in total, aviation represents more than \$97 billion in annual economic activity, and

WHEREAS, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association, National Air Transportation Association, and America's Seaplane City recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world;

Now, Therefore, I, Robert Wolfe, Mayor, City of Tavares, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as Aviation Appreciation Month.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2014.


Robert Wolfe, Mayor