



City of New Smyrna Beach Proclamation

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS: General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our local businesses. General Aviation also plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: the State of Florida 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: there are 127 public-use airports in Florida, serving 51,671 pilots and 25,328 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: across Florida, the aviation industry supports over 1 million jobs with an annual payroll of over \$30 billion. General aviation airports support over 54,000 jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.8 billion; and

WHEREAS: General Aviation airports account for nearly 80% of all aircraft operations in the State of Florida. According to the Florida Department of Transportation, the annual economic impact of General Aviation airports in Florida is \$6 billion; and

WHEREAS: Florida is home to 190 charter flight companies, 509 repair stations, 3 fractional providers, and 73 flight schools operating 858 aircraft and providing 3,500 jobs. In addition, there are 154 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS: many communities in Florida depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS: organizations like the Florida Airport Council, Florida Aviation Trades 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, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world.

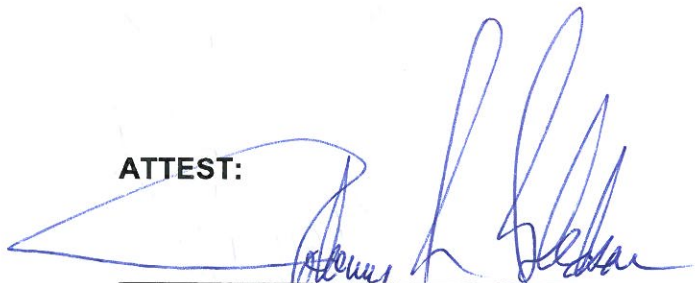
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adam Barringer, Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Florida and declare April, 2014 to be,

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And urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport, for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:



JOHNNY R. BLEDSOE
CITY CLERK



ADAM R. BARRINGER
MAYOR