



CITY OF
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

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 State of South Carolina 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, South Carolina manages and operates 60 publicly owned airports and four military airfields, which serve 10,096 pilots and 3,079 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, General aviation airports in South Carolina are responsible for a direct, indirect, and induced total of 5,167 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the total (direct, indirect, and induced) economic impact of all airports in the state is 65,533 jobs with a payroll of \$1.9 billion; this number includes employment created by the state's military airfields; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation accounted for \$1.6 billion in total impact, or \$398 per capita; general aviation also generated \$9.4 million in property taxes and \$2.25 million in jet fuel taxes; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation is integral to the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to 20 charter flight companies, 34 repair stations, 3 flight schools, and 49 fixed based operators providing 2,297 direct jobs to the South Carolina economy; and


WHEREAS, the communities within South Carolina depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Junie L. White, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Spartanburg, and on behalf of my fellow City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim the week of August 17-23 as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 17th day of August 2014.




Junie L. White, Mayor