

# COUNTY OF HAWAII

## *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 Hawai'i 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 FAA data, Hawai'i is home to 3,150 pilots and 486 active general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, according to a 2013 Hawai'i Statewide Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation supports 7,449 jobs statewide. Overall, Hawai'i's airport system supports 100,621 jobs with an annual payroll of \$3.1 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and*

*WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and*

*WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to 13 repair stations, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 622 student pilots and 656 flight instructors. In addition, there are 20 fixed-based operators in the state according to the AC-U-KWIK director*

*WHEREAS, many communities in Hawai'i depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of December, 2014, as*

### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

*in the County of Hawai'i and encourage all residents to join recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the State of Hawai'i.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014, in Hilo, Hawai'i.*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Billy Kenoi'.

Billy Kenoi  
MAYOR