

PROCLAMATION #2014-38

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH  
DECEMBER, 2014

WHEREAS: the Town of Richmond in the state of Rhode Island has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS: general aviation and local airports, including Richmond Airport, have an immense economic impact on the Town of Richmond; and

WHEREAS: Rhode Island is home to 8 public-use airports, which serve 979 pilots and 345 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Rhode Island is home to 7 fixed-based operators, 5 repair stations, 30 heliports, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 214 flight students and 146 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: general aviation in Rhode Island contributes over \$140 million to the state's economy annually and supports 1,461 jobs; and


WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports Rhode Island's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS: the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW THEREFORE: the Town Council of Richmond does hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Richmond and declare December 2014 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND  
THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014

ATTEST:

  
Tracy A. Nelson  
Town Clerk