



## PROCLAMATION

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

*WHEREAS*, the city of Concord in the state of North Carolina 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 Concord Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Concord; and

*WHEREAS*, North Carolina is home to 114 public-use airports that serve 14,055 pilots and 5,451 active general aviation aircraft; and

*WHEREAS*, the state is home to 65 repair stations and 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,560 student pilots and 2,379 flight instructors; and

*WHEREAS*, general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of over \$2 billion to North Carolina's economy and supports 15,460 jobs; and

*WHEREAS*, general aviation not only supports North Carolina's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting, 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*, I, J. Scott Padgett, Mayor of the City of Concord, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Concord and declare February 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Scott Padgett*

*J. Scott Padgett, Mayor*

*ATTEST: Kim J. Deason*