

Office of the Mayor

LaGrange, Georgia

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, The City of LaGrange, in the State of Georgia, 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 The LaGrange-Callaway Airport have an immense economic impact on LaGrange and Troup County; and
- WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 98 public-use airports, which serve 18,325 pilots and 5,228 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 97 fixed-based operators, 128 repair stations, 469 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,008 flight students and 3,184 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation in Georgia contributes more than \$1.2 billion annually to the State's economy; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Georgia's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief and 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, Jim Thornton, Mayor of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, on behalf of the City Council and Staff, do hereby proclaim aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of LaGrange and declare June 2016 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month



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

Jim Thornton

Attest:

Date:

Walter M. ...
June 6, 2016