



City of Chattanooga

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:** the City of Chattanooga in the state of Tennessee 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 Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport have an immense economic impact on Chattanooga; and

**Whereas:** Tennessee boasts a robust network of 79 public commercial and general aviation airports, serving more than 12,000 pilots and 4,000 general aviation aircraft; and

**Whereas:** General aviation not only supports Tennessee'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,**

I, Andy Berke, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as

**General Aviation Appreciation Month**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2016



  
Andy Berke, Mayor