



**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 Ohio 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 the 2014 **Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study**, general aviation airports in Ohio support 17,497 jobs and \$688 million in annual payroll. According to the same source, fractional aircraft companies, including NetJets, MaxFlight and Flight Options employ more than 1,400 Ohio workers.

**WHEREAS**, According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,586 pilots and 6,319 active general aviation aircraft.

**WHEREAS**: According to the 2014 **Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study**, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy.

**WHEREAS**, According to FAA data, Ohio is home to 137 repair stations, 19 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,856 student pilots and 2,981 flight instructors. In addition, there are 122 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 740 heliports in Ohio.

**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;

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeff Tilton , Mayor of Zanesville, Ohio, do hereby recognize December 2016 as

#### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join in its observance.

On this 1st day of December, 2016;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jeff Tilton', written over a horizontal line.