General Aviation Proclamation 2016

WHEREAS, West Virginia General Aviation and local airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities, and the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in West Virginia supports 5,300 jobs in West Virginia, resulting in $256 million in labor income. In addition, general aviation contributes over $1 billion to the state's total economic output annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the WVDOT Aeronautics Commission, West Virginia is home to 17 general aviation airports. According to the FAA, West Virginia support 1,806 pilots and 855 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation benefits West Virginia through corporate, private, charter, and air taxi travel; shipping and express air freight services; firefighting; public safety and law enforcement; weather and traffic reporting; and recreation and tourism; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations, and a wide range of critical resources; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and
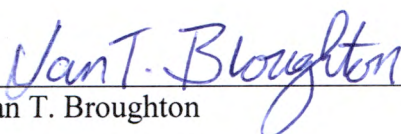
WHEREAS, West Virginia provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
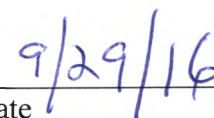
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and

WHEREAS, the use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, I, Van T. Broughton, Mayor of Elkins, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

Van T. Broughton
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_9/29/16_
Date