



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ocala in the state of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Ocala International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida'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, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ocala and declare December 2016 to be

General Aviation Appreciation Month

and I urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the Ocala International Airport for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of December 2016.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

