

CITY OF PALATKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education, there are 19 commercial service and 110 general aviation/community airports; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation, Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 143.5 million passengers annually, ranking Florida second in the nation; international airports in Florida accommodate more than 28 million international passengers annually, which is 19.5 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually. Air cargo operations account for more than \$6.6 billion in annual economic activity to Florida, which represents 8 percent of the nation's air cargo, in total, aviation represents more than \$97 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida. organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Associations, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across American, national Business Aviation Association, national Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terill L. Hill, Mayor of the City of Palatka, Florida, together with the members of the Palatka City Commission, hereby endorse and declare April 2015 as

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In the City of Palatka, and we call upon its citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of aviation, as well as the contributions the members of the Palatka Airport Advisory Board make all year to the viability of the Palatka Municipal Airport.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Palatka, Florida on this 9th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

Commissioners:
Mary Lawson Brown
Rufus Borom
Justin Campbell
James Norwood, Jr.

PALATKA CITY COMMISSION


Terrill L. Hill, MAYOR

