



Proclamation

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. 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 Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use airports and 7,800 registered aircraft. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,322 pilots; and

WHEREAS, According to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy. Of which, Springfield-Beckley Airport contributes over \$117 million of total economic impact for the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport is proudly home to the 178th Wing of Ohio Air National Guard, 41 based general aviation aircraft, and many on-airport businesses including S-JET, Spectra Jet, Champion City Aviation, Select Tech Geospatial, Matrix Research Inc., Ali-Air, and Clark State's Ohio Center for Precision Agriculture. The Springfield-Beckley Airport also hosts a Barnstorming Carnival each July, which is a free event to the public welcoming approximately 4,000 visitors in 2018.

WHEREAS, The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes

NOW, THEREFORE:

I, Warren R. Copeland, Mayor of The City of Springfield, Ohio, and President of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim December 2018, as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Springfield and urge our citizens to recognize the economic impact of the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport on Springfield and Clark County.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be affixed this 4th day of December, A. D., 2018.

Warren R. Copeland

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO,

AND

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION