

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont in the state of West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

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

WHEREAS, West Virginia is home to 17 general aviation public airports, which serve 1,720 pilots and 1,021 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia is home to 24 fixed-base operators, 11 repair stations, 67 heliports, 1 FAA-approved pilot schools, 487 flight students and 283 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in West Virginia contributes over \$1 billion to the state's economy annually; and

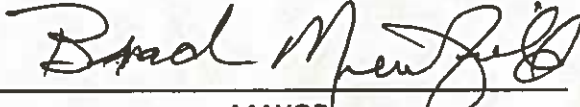
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports West Virginia's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Merrifield, Mayor of the City of Fairmont, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fairmont and declare February 2019 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Fairmont to be affixed this the 1st day of February, 2019.


MAYOR