

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

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 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 disaster, 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 airports 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 it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; 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 that I, Tom Joyce, Mayor of the City of Parkersburg, WV, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as:

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Tom Joyce, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Joyce', is written over the printed name.