

City of Mansfield

# Proclamation

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**DECEMBER - 2015**

**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; and

**WHEREAS,** 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 2014 Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio support 17,497 jobs and \$688 million in annual payroll. According to the same source, fractional aircraft companies, including NetJets, MaxFlight and Flight Options, employ more than 1,400 Ohio workers; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use general aviation airports, which includes our Mansfield Lahm Airport. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,586 pilots and 6,319 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the 2014 Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS,** according to FAA data, Ohio is home to 137 repair stations, 19 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,856 student pilots and 2,981 flight instructors. In addition, there are 122 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 740 heliports in Ohio; and

**WHEREAS,** many communities in Ohio depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM THEAKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, OHIO, do hereby recognize December, 2015 as;**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mansfield, Ohio to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
Tim Theaker, Mayor, City of Mansfield