

# CITY OF PALATKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our business, agriculture and tourism industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education. With 20 commercial service airports and 108 general aviation airports, Florida continues to meet the growing demand for air service in support of the state's tourist industry, as more than half of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation, and Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 149.3 million passengers annually, ranking Florida third in the nation. International airports in Florida accommodate more than 30.4 million international passengers annually, which is 20.4 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 \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida. In total, aviation represents more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Florida'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

**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 proclaim April 2016 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 City of Palatka, Florida on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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

PALATKA CITY COMMISSION

Terrill L. Hill, MAYOR

