

# PROCLAMATION

## GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the City of Centralia, in the state of Illinois, 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 Centralia Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Centralia; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, there are 98 public-use general aviation airports in Illinois. These airports support 14,117 general aviation pilots and 5,661 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy, general aviation supports 42,400 jobs in Illinois, resulting in over \$3 billion in labor income; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the same report, general aviation in Illinois contributes over \$9 billion to the state's total economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Illinois'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 greatest aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tom Ashby, Mayor of the City of Centralia, State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the Month of June, 2016 as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

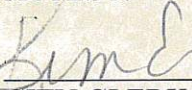
in the City of Centralia, Illinois.

**IN WITNESS WHEREAS**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Centralia to be affixed.

PASSED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June 2016

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

