

**PROCLAMATION
BY CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland in the Commonwealth of Kentucky 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 Ashland Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ashland; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to 53 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 5,827 pilots and 1,934 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to 54 fixed-base operators, 40 repair stations, 215 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,028 flight students and 1,075 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Kentucky contributes over \$1.6 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Kentucky'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 to ensure stable funding of this system;

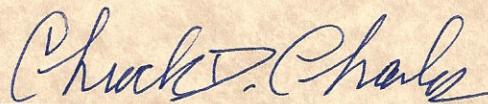
NOW THEREFORE, I, Chuck Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ashland and declare July as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Ashland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ashland, Kentucky to be affixed this 30th day of June, 2016.





CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR

Attest:


SUSAN W. MADDIX, CITY CLERK