



## ***PROCLAMATION***

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

**WHEREAS**, more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence 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

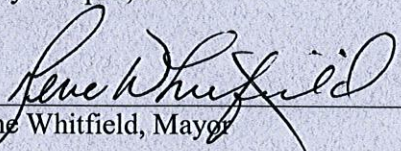
**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

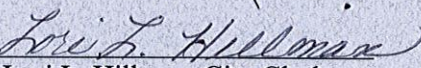
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gene Whitfield by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Zephyrhills and declare April as

### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida on this the 11th day of April, 2016.



  
Gene Whitfield, Mayor

Attest:   
Lori L. Hillman, City Clerk