

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CITY OF



PITTSFIELD

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield in the state of Massachusetts has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports.

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Pittsfield Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Pittsfield; and

WHEREAS, According to the MassDOT Aeronautics Division, the state is home to 30 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 7,968 pilots and 2,663 active general aviation aircraft. According to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports contribute more than \$516 million to the Massachusetts Economy. Additionally the same study found that general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 4,466 jobs and a total payroll of over \$169 million; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Massachusetts' 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. 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, Linda M. Tyer, Mayor of the City of Pittsfield, on behalf of its citizens and city officials, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Pittsfield and declare March as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dated this 16th day of March 2016.

Linda M. Tyer

The Honorable Linda M. Tyer, Mayor of Pittsfield

