

Proclamation

FLORIDA GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

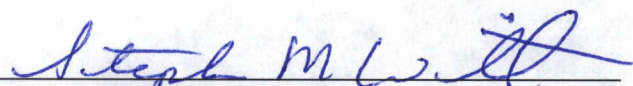
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- WHEREAS,** *Lake City in the state of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and*
- WHEREAS,** *general aviation and the Lake City Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lake City; 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, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Lake City, Florida do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Lake City and declare April as **FLORIDA GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Lake City, and would like to recognize the Lake City Gateway Airport for the positive impact it has on the growth of our community.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 18th day of April 2016.


Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City