

# City of Kinston

Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston in the state of North Carolina 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 Kinston Regional Jetport at Stallings Field have an immense economic impact on the City of Kinston; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 publicly-owned general aviation airports, which serve 13,771 active pilots and 6,771 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 84 fixed-base operators, 63 repair stations, 463 heliports, 16 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,539 flight students and 2,532 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, the total economic output of general aviation airports in North Carolina is over \$4 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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, BJ Murphy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Kinston and declare July as

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in the City of Kinston and encourage all of our citizens to acknowledge and thank all of those who are a part general aviation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Kinston this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ Murphy".

Mayor BJ Murphy