



# City of Naples

**BILL BARNETT**  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** general aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and

**WHEREAS,** there are 19 commercial service and 110 general aviation/community airports, helping make Florida the number two state for aerospace and aviation establishments in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and

**WHEREAS,** Florida has made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida, with more than half of Florida's visitors (50.5 percent) arriving each year by air; and

**WHEREAS,** Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and

**WHEREAS,** air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** in total, aviation represents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity; and

**WHEREAS,** numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; 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, Bill Barnett,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Naples, Florida, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Florida and declare November, 2016 to be

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

in the City of Naples, and urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the Naples Municipal Airport for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
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Bill Barnett, MAYOR