

PROCLAMATION

West Virginia General Aviation Appreciation Month

- WHEREAS, West Virginia General Aviation and local airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, businesses, communities, and the State of West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation in West Virginia supports 5,300 jobs in West Virginia, resulting in \$256 million in labor income. In addition, general aviation contributes over \$1 billion to the state's total economic output annually; and
- WHEREAS, according to the WVDOT Aeronautics Commission, West Virginia is home to 17 general aviation airports. According to the FAA, West Virginia airports support 1,806 pilots and 855 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, General Aviation benefits West Virginia through corporate, private, charter, and air taxi travel; shipping and express air freight services; firefighting; public safety and law enforcement; weather and traffic reporting; and recreation and tourism; and
- WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to natural disasters, medical emergencies, search and rescue operations, and a wide range of critical resources; and
- WHEREAS, West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, the aerospace industry, West Virginia airports, aircraft manufacturing and repair stations, and aviation education; and
- WHEREAS, West Virginia provide access for businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the world's global marketplace; 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; and
- WHEREAS, the use of General Aviation by businesses and farms in West Virginia is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that I, John Manchester, Mayor of Lewisburg, WV, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



John Manchester

John Manchester, Mayor

Attest:

Shannon Beatty, CMC

Shannon Beatty, CMC, Recorder