

MARYLAND

roclamation

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH FEBRUARY 2017

Ocean City, Maryland has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organization and community airports; and

WHEREAS, General aviation and the Ocean City Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Ocean City; and

WHEREAS, A 2015 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports study found that general aviation airports in Maryland support more than \$704 million in business-generated revenue; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has 35 public-use general aviation airports, serving 7,782 pilots and 2,774 active general aviation aircraft. General aviation airports support 6,317 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, General aviation not only supports Maryland's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely, and

WHEREAS, The nation's infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. Meehan, Mayor of Ocean City, Maryland, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to Ocean City and declare the month of February 2017 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in Ocean City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland to be affixed this $1^{\rm st}$ day of February in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

RICHARD W. MEEHAN

Mayor