



# PROCLAMATION

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

APRIL 2018

**WHEREAS**, Sebastian 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 Sebastian Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sebastian; 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**, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Sebastian, do hereby proclaim that general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Sebastian and declare April as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in Sebastian.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sebastian, Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



City of Sebastian, Florida

Mayor Jim Hill