



City of Columbia  
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina have significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina manages and operates 60 publicly owned airports and four military airfields, which serve 10,096 pilots and 3,079 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS general aviation airports in South Carolina are responsible for a direct, indirect, and induced total of 5,167 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the total direct and indirect economic impact of all airports in the state is 65,533 jobs with a payroll of \$1.9 billion which includes employment created by the state's military airfields; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation accounted for \$1.6 billion in total impact, or \$398 per capita and also generated \$9.4 million in property taxes and \$2.25 million in jet fuel taxes; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation is integral to the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to 20 charter flight companies, 34 repair stations, 3 flight schools, and 49 fixed based operators providing 2,297 direct jobs to the South Carolina economy; and

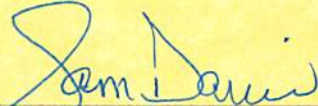
WHEREAS, the communities within South Carolina depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; and

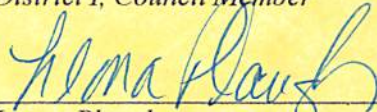
WHEREAS, the City of Columbia commends the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, the general aviation airports in this community and the aviation industry for their significant contributions to the City of Columbia's intermodal transportation system and economic development.


NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of August 17-23, 2014 as

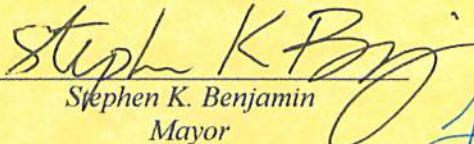
**General Aviation Appreciation Week**

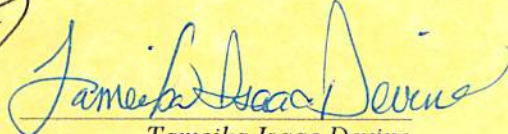
in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

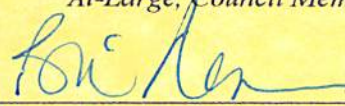
  
Sam Davis  
District I, Council Member

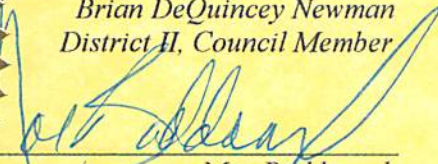
  
Leona Plough  
District IV, Council Member

  
Cameron Runyan  
At-Large, Council Member

  
Stephen K. Benjamin  
Mayor

  
Tameika Isaac Devine  
At-Large, Council Member

  
Brian DeQuincey Newman  
District II, Council Member

  
Moe Baddourah  
District III, Council Member

