



PROCLAMATION

Formed in 2007, the Alliance for Aviation Across America is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of over 6,300 individuals, businesses, agricultural groups, FBO's, small airports, elected officials, charitable organizations, and leading business and aviation groups that are helping to raise awareness about the value of general aviation and local airports, particularly for rural communities. For these communities, general aviation and local airports support business activity, medical care, disaster relief, firefighting, agriculture, law enforcement, and a host of important resources and services. To that end, we stand for. – Alliance for Aviation Across America

Whereas, Saginaw County has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports. General aviation and local airports, including Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, have an immense economic impact on Saginaw County. Small towns and rural communities depend on their small airports for ready access to reliable air transportation. The Alliance for Aviation Across America encourages investment in our aviation infrastructure through the Airport Improvement Program, which helps to provide upgrades, renovation, and improvements to small airports. These projects boost local economies, create jobs, and ensure the viability of small communities; and,

Whereas, Michigan is home to 230 public-use airports, which serve 14,112 pilots and 5,663 active general aviation aircraft, 121 fixed-based operators, 97 repair stations, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,480 student pilots and 2,445 flight instructors. General aviation in Michigan contributes over \$4.1 billion to the state's economy annually; and

Whereas, General aviation not only supports Michigan's economy, it improves the 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, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael J. Hanley, Chair of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Saginaw to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners**

Michael J. Hanley
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