

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

by the Mayor
Annapolis, Maryland

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 state of Maryland has a 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: A 2013 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports Study found that the annual economic impact of general aviation in Maryland is \$550.7 million; and

WHEREAS: The state of Maryland has 36 public-use airports, serving 7,782 pilots and 2,774 general aviation aircraft. General Aviation supports 6,274 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS: General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters. Rescue operations such as air ambulance transports by fixed wing and rotor craft, in addition to Police, Warden, and Mail services routinely utilize general aviation to support daily operations; and communication.

WHEREAS: Maryland is home to 13 charter flight companies, 26 repair stations, and 9 flight schools operating 71 aircraft and providing 112 jobs. In addition, there are 22 fixed based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS: Many communities in Maryland depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

Now, therefore, I, Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor of the City of Annapolis, Maryland do hereby proclaim the Month of September, 2014 to be

Maryland General Aviation Appreciation Month
in the City of Annapolis and call upon all the citizens thereof to redouble their appreciation for service to one's community and fellow man as the highest calling one can heed.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis this Month of September in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen

Michael Pantelides

Mayor

Witness