

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond in the State of Louisiana 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 local airports, including the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 62 public-use airports, which serve 5,696 pilots, and 3,264 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 61 fixed-based operators, 37 repair stations, 520 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,215 flight students, and 870 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Louisiana contributes over \$966 million to the State's economy annually and supports more than 9,300 jobs; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Louisiana'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;

THEREFORE, I, Pete Panepinto, Mayor of Hammond, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Hammond and declare March 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



Pete Panepinto, Mayor



Date