



## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Iberia 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 Acadiana Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of New Iberia 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 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**, Hilda Daigre Curry, Mayor of the City of New Iberia, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of New Iberia and declare March 2015 to be

### **General Aviation Appreciation Month.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Mayor Curry has hereunto set her hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana to be affixed to this Proclamation on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda D. Curry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Hilda Daigre Curry,  
Mayor  
City of New Iberia, Louisiana