

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports and aviation education; and

WHEREAS, there are 19 commercial services and 110 general aviation/community airports, helping make Florida the number two state for aerospace and aviation establishments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and

WHEREAS, international airports in Florida accommodate more than 29.1 million international passengers annually, which is 14.5 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida has made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida, with more than half of Florida's visitors (50.5 percent) arriving each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually; and

WHEREAS, air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida; and

WHEREAS, in total, aviation represents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2015 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and pay special recognition to General Aviation and the Gainesville Regional Airport, for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17th day of November, A.D., 2015.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor