



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 the Acadiana Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of New Iberia; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 62 public-use general aviation 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 airports in Louisiana contribute \$966 million to the state's economy annually; 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 2016 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 4TH day of March, 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda Daigre Curry".

Hilda Daigre Curry,
Mayor
City of New Iberia, Louisiana