

**TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2016**

WHEREAS: The Town of Gorham in the State of New Hampshire 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 Gorham Airport have an economic impact on the Town of Gorham; and

WHEREAS: According to the FAA, New Hampshire's airport system includes 25 public-use airports serving 3,391 pilots and 1,187 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2015 New Hampshire State Airport System Plan, general aviation in New Hampshire's system supports 776 jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2015 New Hampshire State Airport System Plan, the economic output of general aviation in New Hampshire is over \$1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: General aviation not only supports New Hampshire'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;

NOW THEREFORE: We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Gorham, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Gorham and declare March as


GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the Town of Gorham


In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of March in the year two thousand sixteen.



Jeffrey Schall



Grace E. LaPierre



Terry Oliver