



CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina 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 Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Rocky Mount and North Carolina is home to 72 public-use airports that serve 14,055 pilots and 5,451 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 65 repair stations and 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,560 student pilots and 2,379 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of over \$2 billion to North Carolina's economy and supports 15,460 jobs; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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, I, David W. Combs, Mayor of the City of Rocky Mount, do hereby proclaim that general aviation is a vital strategic resource to the City of Rocky Mount and declare the month of November, 2014 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Rocky Mount.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina to be affixed this 24th day of November in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.



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David W. Combs

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Mayor