## City of Annapolis



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** general aviation and community airports play a critical role in both the lives of our citizens, businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Maryland has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operator; and

**WHEREAS** a 2015 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports study found that general aviation airports in Maryland supports more than \$704 million in business-generated revenue; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Maryland has 35 public-use general aviation airports, serving 7,782 pilots and 2,774 active general aviation aircraft with general aviation airports supporting 6,317 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS general aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS** rescue operations such as air ambulance transports by fixed wing and rotor craft, in addition to police, warden, and mail service routinely utilize general aviation to support daily operations and communication; and

**WHEREA** the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and

**WHEREAS** Maryland is home to 24 repair stations, 11 FAA-approved flight schools and 22 fixed based operators in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. PANTELIDES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

## SEPTEMBER 2015

## **General Aviation and Community Airport Month**

in the City of Annapolis

Michael Pantelides
Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor

Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this first Day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.