

City of Roanoke Rapids

Proclamation

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft maintenance, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Roanoke Rapids; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 publicly-owned general aviation airports, which serve 13,771 active pilots and 6,771 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 84 fixed-base operators, 63 repair stations, 463 heliports, 16 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,539 flight students and 2,532 flight instructors; and

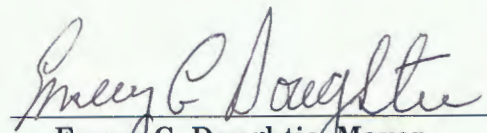
WHEREAS, the total economic output of general aviation airports in North Carolina is over \$4 billion; and

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, Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor of the City of Roanoke Rapids, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Roanoke Rapids and urge all citizens to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource in many aspects to the City of Roanoke Rapids.

THIS the 7th day of June, 2016.


Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

