## **PROCLAMATION**



## General Aviation Appreciation Month September 2016

- **WHEREAS,** Washington County in the State of Maryland has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organization and community airports; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation and the Hagerstown Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Washington County; and
- **WHEREAS,** a 2015 Maryland Economic Impact of Airports Study found that general aviation airports in Maryland support 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 aircrafts. General aviation airports support 6,317 jobs across the state; and
- WHEREAS, General aviation not only support Maryland's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical 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 County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2016 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens

Awarded 13th day of September, 2016

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