

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
P R O C L A M A T I O N  
A V I A T I O N A P P R E C I A T I O N M O N T H I N F L O R I D A**

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation for aerospace and aviation establishments. The State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education. There are twenty commercial service and one hundred and eight general aviation/community airports, helping make Florida the number two state for aerospace and aviation establishments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation. Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 149.3 million passengers annually, ranking Florida third in the nation. International airports in Florida accommodate more than 30.4 million International passengers annually, which is 20.4 percent of the total international passengers in the nation; and

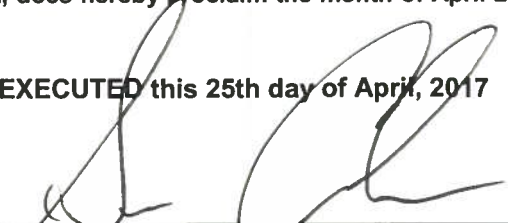
WHEREAS, Florida has made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida, with more than half of Florida's visitors (50.5 percent) arriving each year by air. Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than nine million visitors and business travelers annually. Air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida. In total, aviation represents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity.

WHEREAS, the Fighting for Florida's Future budget proposes investing \$257.8 million for aviation improvements. Numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida. Organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Aviation Appreciation Month in Florida.



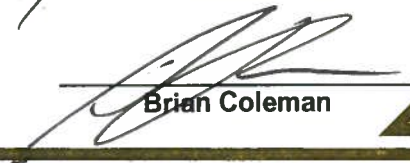
EXECUTED this 25th day of April, 2017

  
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