



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Zephyrhills in the state of Florida 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 the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Zephyrhills; and

WHEREAS, more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida'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

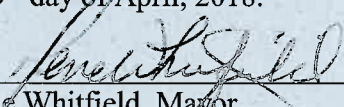
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gene Whitfield by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Zephyrhills and declare April as

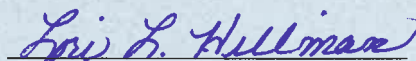
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida on this the 9th day of April, 2018.




Gene Whitfield, Mayor

Attest:


Lori L. Hillman, City Clerk