



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabethtown in the Commonwealth of Kentucky 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 Elizabethtown Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Elizabethtown; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to 59 public-use airports, which serve 6,019 pilots and 1,431 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to 53 fixed-base operators, 40 repair stations, 138 heliports, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,407 flight students and 1,087 flight instructors; and

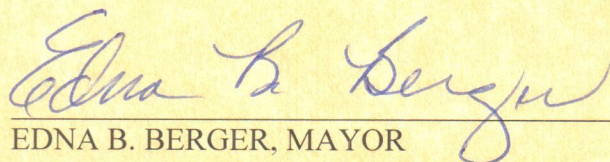
WHEREAS, general aviation in Kentucky contributes over \$1.6 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Kentucky'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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edna Berger, Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Elizabethtown and declare July as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH


EDNA B. BERGER, MAYOR

