



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** the City of Worcester in the state of Massachusetts has 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 Worcester Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Worcester; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the MassDot Aeronautics Division, the state is home to 30 public use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 7,968 pilots and 2,663 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic impact study, general aviation airports contribute more than \$516 million to the Massachusetts economy; and
- WHEREAS:** additionally the same study found that general aviation airports in Massachusetts support 4,466 jobs and a total payroll of over \$169 million; and
- WHEREAS:** general aviation not only supports Massachusetts' 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 it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph M. Petty, Mayor of the City of Worcester,** do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Worcester and declare February as

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In the City of Worcester and encourage all residents to recognize and participate in its observance.

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Joseph M. Petty  
Mayor