



PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo in the state of North Carolina 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 Dare County Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the Town of Manteo; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 72 publicly owned airports, which serve 15,492 pilots and 6,735 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the total annual economic output of general aviation airports in North Carolina is over \$4.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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

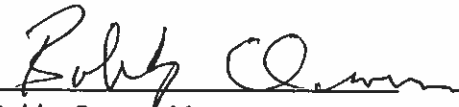
WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and

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, Bobby Owens, Mayor of the Town of Manteo, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Manteo and declare December as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the Town of Manteo

This the 4th day of December 2019




Bobby Owens, Mayor