



The City of Morgantown

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Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

- Whereas,** General Aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in operation of our businesses, industries, ranches, and farms; and
- Whereas,** The State of West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia State has 32 public use airports serving 2,200 pilots and 1,370 general aviation aircraft; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation in West Virginia contributes \$616 million or \$333 per capita to the State's economy; and
- Whereas,** General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and
- Whereas,** The Nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia airports provide access to business and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the Nation's Air Transportation System and connected to the world's global marketplace; and
- Whereas,** Many communities in West Virginia depend heavily on General Aviation and community sports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our State.

Now, Therefore, I, Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim that October 2014 be:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Morgantown and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource that aviation is in West Virginia.

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Jenny Selin, Mayor