

PROCLAMATION

OBSERVING APRIL 2018 AS AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our local citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses, emergency services, law enforcement, and agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has declared the month of April, 2018, as Aviation Appreciation Month; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports, and aviation education; and,

WHEREAS, more than 8.5 percent of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation; and,

WHEREAS, Florida's commercial airports accommodate more than 149.3 million passengers annually, ranking Florida second in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, more than half (50.5 percent) 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,

WHEREAS, in total, aviation presents more than \$144 billion in annual economic activity in Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Piper Aircraft, FlightSafety Academy, Sun Aviation, LoPresti Aviation, and many other large and small businesses are significant employers and tax payers in Indian River County; and,

WHEREAS, airports in Indian River County contribute over \$500 million in direct and indirect economic impact to our community; and,

WHEREAS, organizations like the Vero Beach Air Show, Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Veterans Council of Indian River County, National Exchange Club, and many other local, regional, and national organizations recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereby proclaims the month of April, 2018 as **Aviation Appreciation Month**.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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