

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OBSERVING APRIL 2017, AS AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has declared the month of April, 2017, 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**, there are 20 commercial service and 108 general aviation/community airports in Florida; 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**, international airports in Florida accommodate more than 30.4 million international passengers annually, which is 20.4 percent of the total international passengers 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**, air cargo operations account for more than \$10.3 billion in annual economic activity to Florida, which represents 8 percent of the nation's air cargo; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, organizations like the Florida Airports Council, Florida Aviation Business Association, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association, and the National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Florida and throughout the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as **Aviation Appreciation Month**.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2017.

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