

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:**

Defiance in the state of Ohio, has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and the Defiance Memorial Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Defiance; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; and

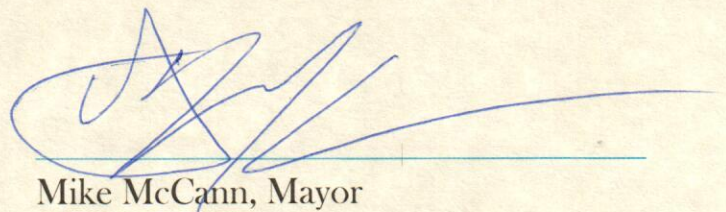
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike McCann, Mayor of the City of Defiance, do hereby recognize and proclaim the month of December, 2017 as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join in its observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the City of Defiance to be affixed on this the First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.



Mike McCann, Mayor