



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1939 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed August 19 NATIONAL AVIATION DAY which is observed in the United States each year to celebrate the history and development of the aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River Naval Air Station continues to provide readiness for research, development, testing and evaluation, acquisition, engineering and fleet support to the entire range of manned and unmanned naval aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore/air operations; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's County Regional Airport serves as the base of operations for the Maryland State Police Medevac, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Civil Air Patrol, Navy Annapolis Flight Center, Piedmont Flight Center, University of Maryland research and development facility for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Atkinson Aviation to provide aircraft maintenance to general aviation aircraft and AIRtec. St. Mary's County Regional Airport is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, hosting numerous events throughout the year in celebration of this milestone.

WHEREAS, the Experimental Aircraft Association had to postpone their annual Young Eagles rally in June providing free plane rides to local youth but hosted their annual Open Hangar event to all airport tenants; and

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Museum & Visitors Center is open to the public and a stop on the Explore Maryland by Air Challenge to provide educational opportunities for visitors to experience the evolution of U.S. Naval Aviation history and includes exhibits of naval aviation's technology history, simulators, vital hands-on and interactive demonstrations of the aeronautical sciences.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2020 NATIONAL AVIATION DAY in St. Mary's County, and thank the Airport Advisory Board for all its volunteer efforts over the past year and encourage all citizens to take an interest in and to take advantage of opportunities in aviation and aviation – related activities.

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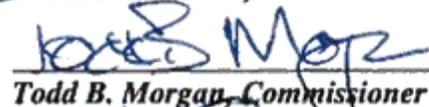
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