



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a non-profit organization established in 1961, whose mission is to enhance the knowledge and skills of its members, encourages partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland and promotes economic development as an investment in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the economic growth and stability of the State impacts all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland and St. Mary's County is an important component of the State's economic success; and

Whereas, S. Hunt Aero is a business founded in 2013 by Managing Member Ken Reed with Members Pat Weaver and Steve Bildman with a focus on developing aviation and technology related properties on or adjacent to St. Mary's County Regional Airport; and S. Hunt Aero purchased 81 acres adjacent to the airport for the purpose of developing the property to spur development; and St. Mary's County is designating the Airport and adjacent area as the Airport Innovation District; and

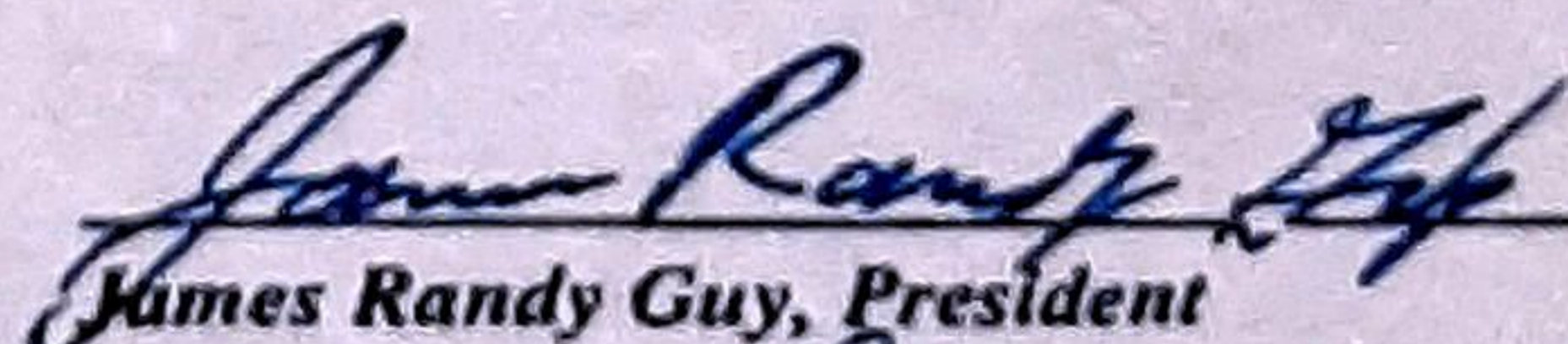
Whereas, S. Hunt Aero has been a catalyst for technology and aviation related economic development in the Innovation District by constructing infrastructure, and buildings including 6 large commercial hangars, 6 hangar buildings which house 38 smaller hangars, 4 office/high-bay flex buildings, the University of Maryland UAS Test Site building, and the TechPort Incubator building, which together will house approximately 150 aviation/technology workers, storage for approximately 50 General Aviation Aircraft, a new aircraft maintenance facility, and several large aircraft that support various missions around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, do hereby recognize S. Hunt Aero as an important contributor in the success of the Airport Innovation District and a key in the economic future in our County and ask all citizens to join us in recognizing the contributions of S. Hunt Aero and further proclaim the week of October 20 through October 26 as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK in St. Mary's County.

THIS DATE:

October 22, 2019

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


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