

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring International Day of the Air Traffic Controller in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** air traffic controllers work day and night, including weekends and holidays, to keep pilots and their passengers safe; and
- Whereas,** the history of the air traffic controller dates back to February 25, 1920, with the world’s first air traffic control tower at London’s Croydon Airport. The airport, then the world’s busiest, needed to regulate aircraft taking off and landing, and the tower allowed coordination using visual signals and radio communication; and
- Whereas,** World War II helped evolve air traffic control with the development of radar and over the next few decades, the role of air traffic controller increased along with the growth of commercial aviation, as controllers would not only manage takeoff and landing, but also aircraft that were en route to their destinations; and
- Whereas,** for over twenty-five years, air traffic controllers at Witham Field played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of aviation operations, making air traffic controllers a critical component of the Martin County aviation industry; and
- Whereas,** the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller takes place October 20 and honors those who ensure that air travel remains the safest mode of transport.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that October 20, 2025 is International Day of the Air Traffic Controller in Martin County, Florida. Further, the board urges the people of Martin County to recognize the dedicated men and women who perform this important job each and every day, ensuring the safety of the public.

**Presented this Seventh Day of October 2025**

ATTEST:

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