

# Proclamation

## Pilot Walter Hinton World Record 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, with the following members present: Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger, Mr. Todd D. Wolfrum, and Mr. Stan D. Owens.

Mr. Wolfrum moved the adoption of the following **PROCLAMATION**:

**Whereas**, in 1919, at 30 years of age, Lieutenant Walter Hinton, U.S. Navy, piloted the first plane across the Atlantic Ocean, eight years before Charles Lindbergh did it solo in 1927; and

**Whereas**, a huge milestone in aviation history, Mr. Hinton achieved great acclaim for both himself and the U.S. Navy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Hinton was born in Tully Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, in 1888, and had a great fascination with early aircraft; thus, leading him to a successful and exciting career in Naval aviation and beyond; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Hinton is known as one of the most famous aviation pioneers in history, making great strides in aviation and putting Ohio on the map as the true "Birthplace of Aviation;" and

**Whereas**, it is our honor to celebrate and commemorate the life and contributions of Mr. Walter Hinton at the Pilot Walter Hinton World Record 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fly-In & Air Show at the Van Wert County Regional Airport; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Hinton achieved great fame, honor, and success during his lifetime of aeronautic adventures, and the Van Wert County Regional Airport will rededicate the Van Wert County Regional Airport as the Walter Hinton Airfield; therefore, be it


**Resolved**, that this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners does hereby recognize and celebrate Van Wert County native,

*Pilot Walter Hinton*

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of piloting the first plane across the Atlantic Ocean in 1919; and be it further  
**Resolved**, that we remember and honor Mr. Hinton's aviation achievements with a celebration at the Van Wert County Regional Airport – Walter Hinton Airfield.

Mr. Lichtensteiger seconded the motion. The roll was called upon its adoption, and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Lichtensteiger, Yea; Mr. Wolfrum, Yea; and Mr. Owens, Yea.

  
Thad Lichtensteiger, Chairman

  
Todd D. Wolfrum

  
Stan D. Owens

