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JONATHAN GAFFNEY, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE

Washington, DC, June 10, 2016 – Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of the National Aeronautic Association, announced today at the NAA Summer Board of Directors Meeting that he will resign from his position effective 30 September 2016.

"The entire aviation and aerospace industry are extremely grateful for the tremendous amount of skill, work, and time that Jonathan put into NAA over the last nine years," said Jim Albaugh, Chairman of NAA. "He has restored a very important organization in our industry, and he will be missed by all of aerospace."

Having started at NAA in 2007, he is one of the longest-tenured Chief Executives in the history of the 111-year old organization. Under his leadership, NAA has recovered from near-default to seven consecutive years of sound financial results, and, in the process, greatly emphasized and enhanced its' three primary responsibilities: Aviation Awards, Aviation Records, and the support of Air Sports in America. In this process he revived and strengthened NAA's relationships with the numerous affiliated organizations across the nation with which it works – Corporations, Air Sport Organizations, Associations, Aero Clubs, and many others.

"It has been a great honor to lead NAA for the last nine years," Gaffney said. "I have met and worked with people across the United States and around the world who embody the very best of the aviation and aerospace industry. It has been a remarkable professional and personal experience for me, and I will never forget it."

NAA will commence a search for a new President and CEO in the coming weeks.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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