

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia in the State of Missouri has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Columbia Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 115 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,087 pilots and 3,953 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 95 fixed-based operators, 55 repair stations, 547 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,732 flight students, and 1,610 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Missouri support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Missouri's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert McDavid, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April, 2016 as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri.



ATTEST:

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Sheela Amin, City Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 5th day of April, 2016.

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Robert McDavid, Mayor