



*City of Columbia
A Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State is home to six commercial service airports, 61 general aviation imports and four busy military airfields that provide essential support to South Carolina's diversified business base, increasing population and growing tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, airports support and assist South Carolina in many ways including recreational flying, providing a gateway to communities and tourist attractions, accommodating agricultural spraying, supporting air cargo and air freight shipments, helping law enforcement, supporting the military and its operations, providing access in times of emergency and supporting medical needs and the medical profession; and

WHEREAS, many businesses in our state rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transportation of people and goods; and

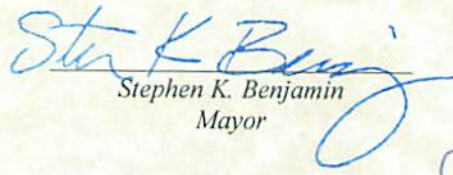
WHEREAS, with over 100 aerospace-related companies in the Palmetto State, aviation is a multi-billion dollar industry and, along with commercial service airports, general aviation airports, and military airfields, supports more than 70,000 jobs and contributes millions each year in tax benefits to state and local governments; 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.

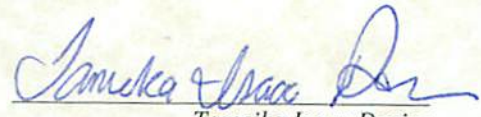
NOW; THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim August 17-23, 2016 as

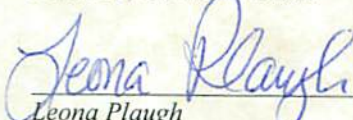
General Aviation Week

in the City of Columbia and encourage all my fellow citizens to recognize general aviation for its significant contributions to our quality of life and economic growth and stability.

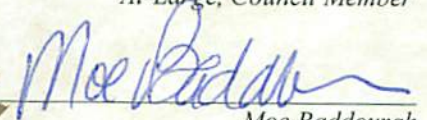

Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor



Sam Davis
District I, Council Member

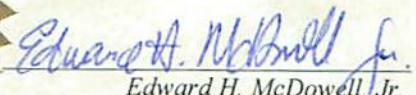

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