

THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

~~To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know this proclamation is presented in recognition of:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the daily lives of our citizens as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms. Many communities across our state depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors.

The state of Texas has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation; aerospace; aircraft manufacturing; educational institutions; aviation organizations; and community airports and airport operators. According to the Texas Department of Transportation general aviation in Texas supports more than 56,000 jobs; generates \$14.6 billion in economic activity annually, and plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters.

As Mayor I am pleased to proclaim the month of November 2016 "General Aviation Appreciation Month" in the city and as all citizens to join with me in remembering the vital strategic resource and economic boon that General Aviation provides to the State of Texas and to our great city.

In testimony whereof witness my hand this the 10th day of November 2016

Norm Archibald

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Mayor