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WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms, and many communities in Texas depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, there are 391 public-use airports in Texas, which serve 49,616 pilots and 18,500 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, general aviation in Texas supports more than 56,000 jobs, supports \$14.6 billion in economic activity annually, and plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, According to FAA data, Texas is home to 389 repair stations, 44 FAAapproved pilot schools, 9,896 student pilots and 8,435 flight instructors. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 1,954 heliports in Texas;

Now, Therefore, I, Daniel Guerrero, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Marcos, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of November 2016 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

AND DO HEREBY CALL upon all citizens of San Marcos to remember the vital strategic resource and economic boon that General Aviation provides to the State of Texas and to our community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of San Marcos, Texas, this 19th Day of October, 2016.

Daniel Guerrero Mayor

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