

A Joint Proclamation

Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

February 2017

WHEREAS, the Cities of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas, have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Texarkana Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the two Cities; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, Arkansas has 91 public-use airports, which serve 5,048 pilots and 3,053 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, general aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$494M annually; and

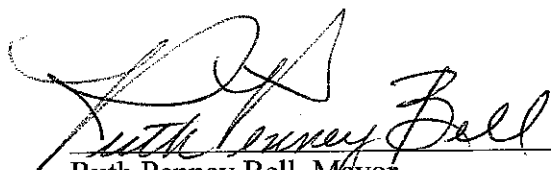
WHEREAS, according to the Arkansas State Airport System Plan, more than 77 percent of all annual airport operations in the state are attributable to general aviation; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Arkansas' 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, we, Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Texas, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Cities and declare February as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH."



Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor
City of Texarkana, Arkansas




Bob Bruggeman, Mayor
City of Texarkana, Texas

ATTEST:



Heather Soyars, City Clerk
City of Texarkana, Arkansas

ATTEST:



Jennifer Evans, City Secretary
City of Texarkana, Texas

