

PROCLAMATION  
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Malden 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 Malden Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Malden; 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, Ray Santie, Mayor of the City of Malden, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Malden and declare April as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 20, 2017.

  
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Mayor Ray Santie