

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The City of Tuscaloosa in the state of Alabama has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS: General aviation and the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport have an immense impact on the City of Tuscaloosa; and

WHEREAS: Alabama is home to 77 public-use airports, which serve 7,430 pilots and 4,418 active general aviation aircraft. Alabama is home to 72 fixed-base operators, 57 repair stations, 96 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,787 flight students and 1,642 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: General aviation in Alabama contributes over \$3.1 billion to the state's economic output. General aviation not only supports Alabama'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

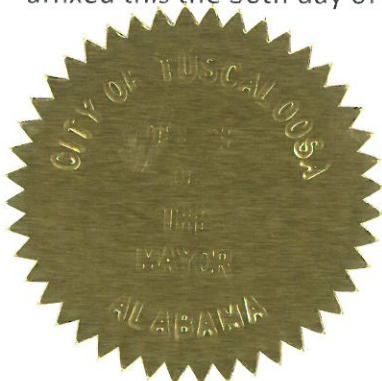
WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Walt Maddox, on behalf of the City Council of Tuscaloosa, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

In Tuscaloosa and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the City of Tuscaloosa.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed this the 30th day of October 2018.



MAYOR WALTER MADDOX,
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA