



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the City of Bay St. Louis in the state of Mississippi has 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 Stennis International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Bay St. Louis; and

WHEREAS: Mississippi is home to 65 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 4,452 pilots and 2,511 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Mississippi is home to 62 fixed-base operators, 24 repair stations, 71 heliports, 2 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,432 flight students and 654 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: general aviation in Mississippi contributes more than \$488 million to Mississippi's economy each year; and

WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports Mississippi'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 United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; 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; and

NOW THEREFORE: I, Michael Favre, Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Bay St. Louis and declare January 2020 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Michael J. Favre  
Mayor City of Bay St. Louis, MS

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