



WHEREAS, the City of Altus in the State of Oklahoma 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 Altus/Quartz Mountain Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Altus; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to 136 public-use airports, which serve 7,677 pilots and 4,068 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is also home to 90 fixed-based operators, 118 repair stations, 90 heliports, 8 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,966 flight students and 1,315 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Oklahoma contributes over \$2.5 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Oklahoma's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the nations' 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, I JACK SMILEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTUS, OKLAHOMA do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Altus and declare December as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Altus, Oklahoma to be affixed.

SEAL SOKLAHOM

Done at the City Hall in the City of Altus, Oklahoma, this day of December, in the

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