

# CITY OF ASHEVILLE

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville in the state of North Carolina 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 Asheville Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 publicly-owned airports, which serve 13,871 pilots and 5,527 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 84 fixed-base operators, 66 repair stations, 113 heliports, 17 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,724 flight students and 2,665 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in North Carolina contributes over \$4 billion to the State's total economic impact; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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, I, Esther Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Asheville and declare November 2017 as

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Asheville, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina this November, 2017.



*Esther E. Manheimer*

ESTHER E. MANHEIMER  
MAYOR