

**PROCLAMATION BY  
STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR  
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ashland in the Commonwealth of Kentucky 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 Ashland Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ashland; and

**WHEREAS**, Kentucky is home to 59 public-use airports, which serve 5,647 pilots and 1,431 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Kentucky is home to 53 fixed-base operators, 40 repair stations, 115 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,187 flight students and 1,060 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Kentucky contributes over \$1.6 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Kentucky'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, Stephen E. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Ashland, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ashland and declare November as

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

in the City of Ashland.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ashland, Kentucky to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.



*Stephen E. Gilmore*  
STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR

*Susan W. Maddix*  
SUSAN W. MADDIX, CITY CLERK