

PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Batesville in the State of Mississippi has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports:

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Panola County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Batesville;

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 66 public-use airports, which serve 4,014 pilots and 2,063 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 59 fixed-base operators, 24 repair stations, 45 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,021 flight students and 654 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Mississippi contributes over \$488 million to the state's annual 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 nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jerry Autrey, Mayor of the City of Batesville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Batesville and declare January as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Batesville.

CITY OF BATESVILLE


Jerry Autrey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan S. Berryhill, City Clerk

