WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of many citizens, especially those who operate businesses and farms, as well as providing essential services that ensure the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our region and areas throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Jack Brooks Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Beaumont; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Texas has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, aviation organizations and educational institutions and community airports and airport operators; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, general aviation in Texas supports more the 56,000 jobs, generates \$14.6 billion in economic activity annually, and plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; 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, Becky Ames, Mayor of the City of Beaumont, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017, as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Beaumont.



ACCORDINGLY, the Mayor has hereunto set her hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaumont to be affixed.

WATOR

November 8, 2017

DATE