Office of the Mayor roclamation thereas:

hereas: General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the stat has a total of 150 public-use airports and 7,800 registered aircraft. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,322 pilots; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Regional Airport services local and regional needs as well as the focal point for training the next generation of aviation professionals and pilots through the Bowling Green State University flight center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard A. Edwards, Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, do hereby proclaim December, 2018, as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith subscribed my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bowling Green to be affixed this first day of December, Typo-thousand-eighteen.

Richard A. Edwards, Mayor