## PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR BRANSON, MISSOURI

- Whereas, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in everyday life for citizens, businesses, industries and government agencies; and
- Whereas, the state of Missouri has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators;
- Whereas, Missouri's general aviation airports provide 7,449 jobs in Missouri, and airport systems support 100,621 jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$3.1 billion; and
- Whereas, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and
- Whereas, many communities in Missouri depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state and
- Whereas, Branson and Ozark Mountain Country are fortunate to have several options available for general aviation, the closest being Branson Airport, Springfield/Branson National Airport, M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport and the Branson West Municipal Airport. These airports provide a vital service to our region and we are proud of the excellent customer service they deliver to our citizens, businesses and visitors.
- Now therefore, I, Karen Best, Mayor of the City of Branson, Missouri, I call upon our citizens to recognize the impact and promote general aviation in our community and do hereby proclaim the month of March in Branson, Missouri as

## "GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

In Testimony thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Branson, Missouri on this day of March 9, 2017.



Mayor Karen Best