City of Canton Proclamation 20181101

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018

- WHEREAS: The City of Canton in the state of Georgia 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 Cherokee County Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Canton; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to 95 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 19,495 pilots and 8,114 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to 95 fixed-base operators, 127 repair stations, 119 heliports, 15 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,152 student pilots and 3,345 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS: General aviation airports in Georgia contribute more than \$1.2 billion annually to the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS: General aviation not only supports Georgia'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, Gene Hobgood, Mayor of the City of Canton, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Canton and declare November as *General Aviation Appreciation Month* in the City of Canton.

Gene Hobgood, Mayor