City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte, in the state of North Carolina, 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 Charlotte Douglas International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 public-use airports, which serve 13,871 pilots and 5,527 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 84 fixed-base operators, 66 repair stations, 113 heliports, 17 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,724 flight students, and 2,665 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in North Carolina contributes over \$4 billion to the State's total economic impact; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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, Jennifer Watson Roberts, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

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