PROCLAMATION Missouri General Aviation

WHEREAS: 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.

WHEREAS: The state of Missouri has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and community operators.

WHEREAS: The state of Missouri boasts 115 public-use general aviation airports, serving 9,087 pilots and 3,953 active general aviation aircraft.

WHEREAS: The Missouri Department of Transportation found that general aviation generates \$857 million in economic activity annually.

WHEREAS: According to a 2013 Missouri Statewide Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation supports 7,449 jobs statewide and sustains an annual payroll of more than \$300 million.

WHEREAS: General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters.

WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system.

WHEREAS: Missouri is home to 55 repair stations, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,732 student pilots, 1,610 flight instructors, and 95 fixed-base operators.

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.

THEREFORE, I, Chuck Haney, Mayor of the City of Chillicothe do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Missouri and declare November to be

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chillicothe to be affixed this 2nd day of November, 2015.