

**PROCLAMATION**

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clanton in the state of Alabama 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 Chilton County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Clanton; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama is home to 77 public-use airports, which serve 7,118 pilots and 4,418 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama is home to 71 fixed-base operators, 57 repair stations, 96 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,501 flight students and 1,499 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Alabama contributes over \$3.1 billion to the state's economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Alabama'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, Billy Joe Driver, Mayor of the City of Clanton, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Clanton and declare November as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Clanton.



Billy Joe Driver, Mayor