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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia in the State of Missouri 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 Columbia Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 122 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 8,825 pilots and 3,985 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 93 fixed-based operators, 58 repair stations, 123 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,932 flight students, and 1,604 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Missouri support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Missouri'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

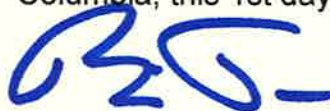
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and general aviation is a vital strategic resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Treece, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April, 2019 as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 1st day of April, 2019.



Brian Treece, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheela Amin, City Clerk

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