



City of Columbia
A Proclamation of General Aviation Month

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State is home to six commercial service airports, 61 general aviation airports and 4 busy military airfields that provide essential support to South Carolina's diversified business base, increasing population and growing tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, airports support and assist South Carolina in many ways including recreational flying, providing a gateway to communities and tourist attractions, accommodating agricultural spraying, supporting air cargo and air freight shipments, helping law enforcement, supporting the military and its operations, providing access in times of emergency and supporting medical needs and the medical profession; and

WHEREAS, many businesses in our state rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transportation of people and goods; and

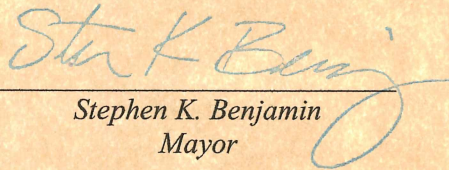
WHEREAS, with more than 100 aerospace-related companies in the Palmetto State, aviation is a multi-billion dollar industry and, along with commercial service airports, general aviation airports and military airfields support more than 70,000 jobs and contribute millions each year in tax benefits to state and local governments; and


WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim August 2018 to be


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in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

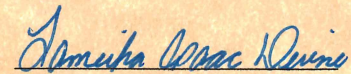

Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor

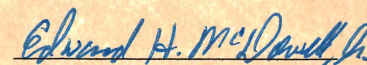

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