

WHEREAS, the City of El Dorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, air craft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; AND

WHEREAS, general aviation and the South Arkansas Regional Airport have a positive economic impact in ElDorado; AND

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, Arkansas has 100 public use airports, which serve 4,924 pilots and 2,879 active general aviation aircraft; AND

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State of Airport System Plan state that the general aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$467 million annually; AND

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

WHEREAS, general aviation helps improve overall quality of life by providing emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; SO

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Veronica Smith-Creer, Mayor of the City of El Dorado, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2019 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

PASSED this <u>Ist</u> day of February, 2019



