



## ***A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL EVENT***

*On the occasion of the General Aviation Appreciation Month, February 2016, this Proclamation is issued **FOR***

***WHEREAS,*** *city of Fort Smith has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations and community airports; **AND***

***WHEREAS,*** *general aviation and the Fort Smith Regional Airport have a positive economic impact in Fort Smith; **AND***

***WHEREAS,*** *according to the FAA, Arkansas has 91 public use airports, which serve 5,048 pilots and 3,053 active general aviation aircraft; **AND***

***WHEREAS,*** *the Arkansas State of Airport System Plan states that the general aviation airports in Arkansas support an economic value of more than \$494 million annually; **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, Sandy Sanders, Mayor of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the Month of February, 2016 as***

## ***GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH***

*in Fort Smith, Arkansas.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas to be affixed this month of February, 2016.***



  
Sandy Sanders, Mayor