City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, commercial service and community airports and aviation education; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation and community airports accommodate more than nine million visitors and business travelers annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida'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 to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Iguren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July, 2017 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and pay special recognition to General Aviation and the Gainesville Regional Airport, for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8^{th} day of July, A.D., 2017.

Lauren Poe Mayor