CITY OF HANNIBAL PROCLAMATION GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Hannibal 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, Missouri is home to 115 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,087 pilots and 3,953 active general aviation aircraft, Missouri is home to 95 fixed-base operators, 55 repair stations, 547 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,732 flight students and 1610 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Hannibal along with other towns and cities in Missouri support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually. 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 Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

Now, Therefore, I, James Hark, Mayor of the city of Hannibal, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Hannibal and declare February as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Hannibal, Missouri this 6th day of February, 2018.

James Hark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica N. Zerbonia, City Clerl