

PROCLAMATION
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2019

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, general aviation and the Hannibal Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Hannibal; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri boasts 122 public-use airports, which serve 8,825 pilots and 3,985 active general aviation aircraft, Missouri is home to 93 fixed-base operators, 58 repair stations, 123 heliports, seven FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,932 student pilots and 1,604 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

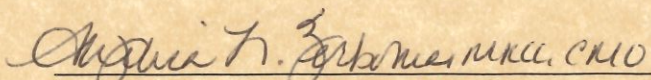
NOW THEREFORE, I, James Hark, Mayor of the City of Hannibal, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Hannibal and declare March 2019 as

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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 13th day of March 2019.


James Hark, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angelica N. Zerbonia, City Clerk

