

# CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

**In recognition of Huntsville General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huntsville in the state of Alabama 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 Huntsville Executive Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Huntsville; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama is home to 77 public-use airports, which serve 7,430 pilots and 4,418 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama is home to 72 fixed-base operators, 57 repair stations, 96 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,787 flight students and 1,642 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Alabama contributes over \$3.1 billion to the state's total economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Alabama'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, Thomas "Tommy" Battle, Jr., Mayor of the City of Huntsville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Huntsville and declare October as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Huntsville, Alabama.

**DATED**, this fourth day of October, 2018.

  
Tommy Battle  
Mayor

