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WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS: According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use airports and 7,800 registered aircraft. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,322 pilots; and

WHEREAS: According to the Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy; 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; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, AIRPORT AUTHORITY of Jackson County, Ohio, do hereby recognize December 2018 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join in its observance.

On this 12th day of December, 2018

Per unanimous voice vote



Barbara Summers, Interim Chair