

Office of the Mayor

LaGrange, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange in the state of Georgia 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 LaGrange Callaway Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of LaGrange; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 95 public-use airports, which serve 17,913 pilots and 5,659 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 150 fixed-base operators, 125 repair stations, 119 heliports, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,048 flight students and 3,345 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Georgia contributes over \$1.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Georgia'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, Jim Thornton, Mayor of the City of LaGrange, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of LaGrange and declare November as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In the City of LaGrange.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Jim Thornton

Attest: *Lee Olson*

Date: November 3, 2017