

STATE OF LOUISIANA

City of



Natchitoches

Mayor Lee Posey

**PROCLAMATION
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2017**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches in the state of Louisiana 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 Natchitoches Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 62 public use airports which serve 5,579 pilots and 2,807 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 60 fixed-base operators, 33 repair stations, 228 heliports, 6 FAA – approved pilot schools, 1,214 flight students and 918 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Louisiana contributes over \$966 million; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Louisiana's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and 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, Lee Posey, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Natchitoches and declare December as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

In the City of Natchitoches.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Posey".

Mayor Lee Posey