



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of New Iberia 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 Acadiana Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of New Iberia; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 63 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 5,475 pilots and 2,807 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 53 fixed-based operators, 33 repair stations, 228 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,401 flight students and 913 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Louisiana contribute \$966 million to the state's economy annually; 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 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;

THEREFORE, I, Freddie DeCourt, Mayor of the City of New Iberia, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of New Iberia and declare August 2018 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Mayor DeCourt has hereunto set her hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana to be affixed to this Proclamation on this 16TH day of August, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Freddie DeCourt", written over a horizontal line.

Freddie DeCourt
Mayor
City of New Iberia, Louisiana