



Office of the Mayor
Olive Branch, Mississippi

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Olive Branch in the state of Mississippi 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 Olive Branch Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Olive Branch; and

Whereas, Mississippi is home to 66 public-use airports, which serve 4,014 pilots and 2,063 active general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, Mississippi is home to 59 fixed-base operators, 24 repair stations, 45 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,021 flight students and 654 flight instructors; and

Whereas, general aviation in Mississippi contributes over \$488 million to Mississippi's economy each year; and

Whereas, general aviation not only supports Mississippi's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting 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, Scott B. Phillips, Jr., Mayor of the City of Olive Branch, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Olive Branch and declare January as

“General Aviation Appreciation Month”

in the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Proclaimed this 4th day of January, 2018.

Scott B. Phillips, Jr., Mayor
City of Olive Branch, Mississippi