

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH – APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma in the state of California 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 Petaluma Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 217 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 58,008 FAA certified pilots and 28,402 FAA registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 241 fixed-base operators, 600 repair stations, 67 FAA-approved pilot schools, 15,528 flight students and 9,750 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in California contributes over \$30.2 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California'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 for this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Teresa Barrett, Mayor of the City of Petaluma, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Petaluma and declare April 2019 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Petaluma.

Teresa Barrett, Mayor

Claire Cooper, City