

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Poplar Bluff is always pleased to recognize those events which bring credit upon the community; and
- **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri and City of Poplar Bluff have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and
- **WHEREAS,** general aviation and the Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Poplar Bluff; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Missouri boasts 122 public-use airports, which serve 8,825 pilots and 3,985 active general aviation aircraft, Missouri is home to 93 fixed-base operators, 58 repair stations, 123 heliports, seven FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,932 student pilots and 1,604 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation in the City of Poplar Bluff, along with other towns and cities in Missouri, support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually. General aviation not only supports Missouri'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 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, Susan McVey, Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Bluff and declare April, 2019 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Poplar Bluff. Further the City Clerk of the City of Poplar Bluff is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this proclamation and to further cause it to be forever preserved in the official records of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2019.

MAYOR SUSAN MCVEY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK PAMELA S. KEARBEY