

WHEREAS: the City of Rolla in the state of Missouri 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 Rolla National Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Rolla; and

WHEREAS: Missouri is home to 122 public-use airports, which serve 8,825 pilots and 3,985 active general aviation aircraft, 93 fixed-base operators, 58 repair stations, 123 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,932 student pilots and 1,604 flight instructors; and general aviation airports in Missouri support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually; and

WHEREAS: 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. 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, Louis J. Magdits, IV, Mayor of the City of Rolla, Missouri, do hereby proclaim March 2019 **as**

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

In the City of Rolla, Missouri, and I urge all citizens to celebrate and hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rolla to be affixed this 1st Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two-Thousand and Nineteen.