

*Office of the Mayor
Ruston, Louisiana*

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, *The City of Ruston 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 the Ruston regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ruston; and*

WHEREAS, *Louisiana is home to 62 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 5,579 pilots and 2,807 active general aviation aircraft; and*

WHEREAS, *Louisiana is home to 6 fixed-based operators, 33 repair stations, 228 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,214 flight students and 918 flight instructors; and*

WHEREAS, *general aviation airports in Louisiana \$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 destination quickly and safely; and*

WHEREAS, *the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;*

Therefore I, RONNY WALKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, Do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ruston and declare March 2017 to be:

General Aviation Appreciation Month



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.



Attest: _____

Date: _____