

Office of the Mayor

Smyrna, Tennessee

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Smyrna in the state of Tennessee 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 Smyrna Airport have an immense economic impact on the Town of Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to 76 public-use general aviation airports, serving more than 12,000 pilots and 5,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to 78 fixed-base operators, 47 repair stations, 149 heliports, 78 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,630 flight students and 2,305 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Tennessee has a total economic output of over \$1 billion; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Esther Reed, Mayor of the Town of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Smyrna and declare March 2019 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the Town of Smyrna.

Proclaimed this 1st day of March, 2019.



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

Mayor

Mary Esther Reed

Date

March 1, 2019