PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of St. George in the state of Utah 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 St. George Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of St. George; and

WHEREAS, Utah is home to 46 public-use airports, which serve 8,570 pilots and 6,852 registered general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Utah is home to 42 fixed-base operators, 27 repair stations, 60 heliports, 18 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,188 flight students and 1,787 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, the total economic output of general aviation in Utah is \$2.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Utah'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, Jonathan T. Pike, Mayor of the City of St. George, Utah, do hereby proclaim May as

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in the City of St. George and urge all citizens to recognize that general aviation is a vital strategic resource to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of St. George, Utah this 2nd day of May, 2019.

Jonathan T. Pike, Mayor