## Proclamation Office of the Mayor, Bity of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize those individuals and organizations who have made outstanding achievements that reflect on the well-being and growth of the Toledo community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has a total of 150 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 15,586 pilots and 6,319 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state; 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 THERFORE, I, Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby recognize December 2017 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Toledo and throughout Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 1st day of December 2017.

Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mayor