



Office of the Mayor Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Whereas: The City of Tuscaloosa in the state of Alabama 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 local airports, including Tuscaloosa Regional

Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Tuscaloosa;

and

Whereas: Alabama is home to 92 public-use airports that serve 7,491 pilots and

4,763 active general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas: The state is home to 57 repair stations and 9 FAA-approved pilot

schools, 1,545 student pilots and 1,438 flight instructors; and

Whereas: General aviation contributes an annual economic impact of over \$1.7

billion to Alabama's economy; and

Whereas: General aviation not only supports Alabama'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 to ensure stable

funding of this system.

Pow Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 to be

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

in Tuscaloosa and call upon citizens to acknowledge general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the City of Tuscaloosa.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed this the 1st day of November 2014.

Walter Maddox, Mayor

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