



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS: Alabama is home to 77 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 7,708 pilots and 4,396 registered aircraft. Alabama is home to 72 fixed-base operators, 67 repair stations, 158 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,004 student pilots and 1,634 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: General aviation contributes over \$3.1 billion to the state's total economic output. 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Walt Maddox, on behalf of the City Council of Tuscaloosa, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In Tuscaloosa and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the City of Tuscaloosa.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed this the 8th day of October 2019.



**MAYOR WALTER MADDUX,
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**

