The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Stamey and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

## RESOLUTION NO. 040 OF 2014

## PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

**WHEREAS**: general aviation and community airports, such as Natchitoches Regional Airport, play a vital role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**: The state of Louisiana has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**: Louisiana is home to 62 public use airports that serve 9,562 pilots and 4,891 active general aviation aircraft. Additionally, the state is home to 60 fixed-based operators, 35 repair stations, 8 flight schools and 520 heliports; and

**WHEREAS**: general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of $2.05 billion to Louisiana's economy; and

**WHEREAS**: aviation not only support Louisiana's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by providing essential emergency medical transportation, enhancing public safety by assisting law enforcement, and transporting business and leisure travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and
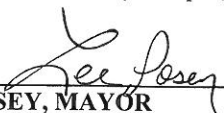
**WHEREAS**: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Lee Posey of Natchitoches, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Natchitoches and declare April to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

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| **AYES:** | **Payne, Nielsen, Mims, Stamey, Morrow** |
| **NAYS:** | **None** |
| **ABSENT:** | **None** |
| **ABSTAIN:** | **None** |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to

0 Nays on this 28th day of April, 2014.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**