

MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF OAKDALE



A PROCLAMATION
by the Mayor of the City of Oakdale
*Recognizing May 2014 as
General Aviation Appreciation Month*

WHEREAS, *general aviation and community airports play a vital role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and,*

WHEREAS, *the City of Oakdale in the State of California 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 Oakdale Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Oakdale; and,*

WHEREAS, *California is home to 250 public-use airports, 220 of which are general aviation airports, that serve 61,185 pilots and 22,830 active general aviation aircraft; and,*

WHEREAS, *the state is home to 631 repair stations, 968 heliports and 66 FAA-approved pilot schools, as well as 11,832 flight students and 9,429 flight instructors; and,*

WHEREAS, *general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of \$18.2 billion to California's economy; and,*

WHEREAS, *general aviation not only bolsters California's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and health care services, assisting law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and 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; and,*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pat Paul, Mayor of the City of Oakdale, Oakdale, California do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Oakdale and declare May to be General Aviation Appreciation Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 12th day of May 2014.


Pat Paul, Mayor