



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
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Proclamation

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 Texas 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, there are 392 public use airports in Texas, serving 50,932 pilots and 17,595 general aviation aircraft (this includes over 1,000 crop dusters and close to 1,100 helicopters). According to the Texas Department of Transportation study, over 6.1 million general aviation operations occur annually at Texas airports; and

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, general aviation in Texas supports more than 56,600 jobs; and

WHEREAS, general Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, general aviation supports \$14.6 billion in economic activity annually; and

WHEREAS, Texas is home to 122 charter flight companies, 423 repair stations, and 49 flight schools operating 350 aircraft. In addition, there are 296 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Texas depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Berry, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of College Station, Texas, do hereby proclaim General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of Texas and declare November to be

General Aviation Appreciation Month

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of College Station, Texas this 19th Day of November, 2014.

Nancy Berry
Mayor

Attest:

Sherry Mashburn
City Secretary

