

**PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the city of Starkville in the state of Mississippi 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 George M. Bryan Airport, have an immense economic impact on the city of Starkville; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 66 public-use airports, which serve 4,126 pilots and 2,037 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 61 fixed-based operators, 22 repair stations, 250 heliports, 5 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,031 flight students and 653 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Mississippi contributes over \$488 million to the state's economy annually and supports 3,610 jobs; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Mississippi'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:

THEREFORE, I, PARKER WISEMAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Starkville and declare January 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
Hereunto set my hand and caused
The Seal of the City of Starkville,
Mississippi to be affixed this 14th
Day of January, 2015.*

Parker Wiseman, Mayor