

PROCLAMATION

Designating November as General Aviation Appreciation Week

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 Missouri has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and community operators; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri boasts 115 public-use general aviation airports, serving 9,087 pilots and 3,953 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, general aviation generates \$857 million in economic activity annually, supports 7,449 jobs statewide, and sustains an annual payroll of more than \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital 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, Missouri is home to 55 repair stations; six FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,732 student pilots, 1,610 flight instructors and 95 fixed-base operators; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Missouri depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Seibert, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim November as **General Aviation Appreciation Month** and urge everyone to understand and appreciate this vital strategic resource to our community and state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 16th day of November, 2015.



Michael L. Seibert, Mayor