

PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green in the state of Missouri 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 the Bowling Green Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Bowling Green; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 115 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,087 pilots and 3,953 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to 95 fixed-based operators, 55 repair stations, 547 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,732 flight students and 1,610 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Missouri support an economic impact of over \$857 million annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Missouri'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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donald Hunter, Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Bowling Green and declare February as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



Donald Hunter

Donald Hunter, Mayor

Barb Allison

Barb Allison, City Clerk