

Office of the Mayor
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Charles in the state of Louisiana 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 Chennault International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 62 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 5,696 pilots and 3,264 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to 61 fixed-based operators, 37 repair stations, 520 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,215 flight students and 870 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Louisiana contribute \$966 million to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Louisiana'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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROACH, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, in the sovereign State of Louisiana, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Lake Charles and declare March as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of that the City of Lake Charles.



*In Witness Whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to be
affixed the official seal of the City of
Lake Charles on this
Date* March 7, 2016

Randy Roach
Mayor of Lake Charles