

## Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our residents, as well as in the operation of our businesses; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Anchorage has more private planes per capita than any similarly-sized city in the Lower 48, and on average Alaskans fly more than eight times as often as residents of other states; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in Anchorage and is used in the response to emergencies and natural disasters throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the aviation industry in Anchorage generates over \$1 billion and over 15,000 jobs annually, accounting 1 in 10 jobs in the Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, many rural Alaska locations are unique in their almost total dependence on general aviation for connectivity to the Municipality of Anchorage and the services available here; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage is the home of Lake Hood Seaplane Base, the world's largest and busiest seaplane base, as well as Merrill Field, Anchorage's first commercial airport.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, do hereby proclaim September 2017, as

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

**IN** Anchorage and join all residents in recognizing General Aviation as a vital and strategic resource to our community and to all Alaska.



  
MAYOR