



City of Montgomery, Alabama
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *the City of Montgomery in the state of Alabama 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 Montgomery Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Montgomery; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Alabama is home to 77 public-use airports, which serve 7,708 pilots and 4,396 active general aviation aircraft; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Alabama is home to 72 fixed-base operators, 67 repair stations, 158 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,004 student pilots and 1,634 flight instructors; and*
- WHEREAS,** *general aviation in Alabama contributes over \$3.1 billion to the state's total economic output; and*
- WHEREAS,** *general aviation not only supports Alabama'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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Todd Strange, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Montgomery and declare October as*

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Montgomery, and encourage our citizens to recognize general aviation for its significant contributions to our quality of life and economic growth and stability.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Montgomery, Alabama to be affixed on this 7th day of October, 2019.



Todd Strange, Mayor