



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Ocala in the state of Florida has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and the Ocala International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ocala; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Florida'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, Kent Guinn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ocala and declare December 2017 as

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and I urge all citizens to pay special recognition to General Aviation and the Ocala International Airport for their dedicated and selfless service to our community and our State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of November, 2017.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala