

*Office of the Mayor
Ruston, Louisiana*

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, *The City of Ruston 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 the Ruston regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ruston; and*

WHEREAS, *Louisiana is home to 61 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 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 destination 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;*

Therefore I, RONNY WALKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, Do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ruston and declare March 2016 to be:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.



Attest: _____

Date: **3-1-16**