

**PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Starkville in the state of Mississippi 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 George Bryan Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Starkville; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 66 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 4,126 pilots and 2,037 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 61 fixed-based operators, 22 repair stations, 250 heliports, 5 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,031 flight students and 653 flight instructors; and

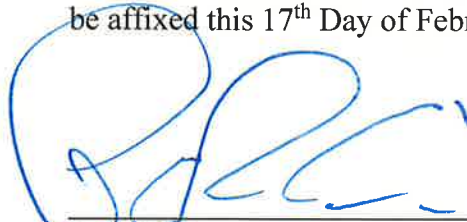
WHEREAS, general aviation in Mississippi contributes over \$488 million to the state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Mississippi's economy, it improves overall quality of 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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Parker Wiseman, Mayor of the City of Starkville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Starkville and declare February as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Starkville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have Hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Starkville, Mississippi to be affixed this 17th Day of February, 2016.



Parker Wiseman, Mayor