

# BAY SAINT LOUIS

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WHEREAS: the city of Bay Saint Louis 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 local airports, including Stennis International Airport, have an immense economic impact on the city of Bay Saint Louis; and

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

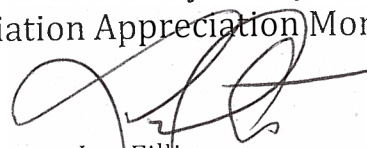
WHEREAS: Mississippi is home to 61 fixed-based operators, 22 repair stations, 250 heliports, 5 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,031 flight students and 653 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: general aviation in Mississippi contributes over \$488 million to the state's economy annually and supports 3,610 jobs; and

WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports Mississippi'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 to ensure stable funding of this system;

THEREFORE, I, Les Fillingame, Mayor of Bay Saint Louis do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Bay Saint Louis and declare January 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



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