Office of the Mayor Carrollton, Georgia General Aviation Appreciation Month 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Carrollton in the state of Georgia 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 West Georgia Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of LaGrange; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 98 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 18,325 pilots and 5,228 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to 97 fixed-base operators, 128 repair stations, 469 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,008 flight students and 3,184 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Georgia contributes over \$1.2 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Georgia'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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walt Hollingsworth, Mayor of the City of Carrollton, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Carrollton and declare June 2016 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

Signed this 1st day of June, 2016

Walt Hollingsworth, Mayor

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