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PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson in the state of Tennessee 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 McKellar – Sipes Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee boasts a robust network of public commercial and general aviation airports, serving more than 12,000 pilots and 4,000 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Tennessee'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, Jerry Gist, Mayor of the City of Jackson, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Jackson and declare July as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Jackson, Tennessee