



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Williston, Florida 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 Williston Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Williston; and

WHEREAS, more than half (50.5%) of Florida's visitors arrive each year by air; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation/community airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nations entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.5% of Florida Gross State Product results from businesses dependent upon aviation and numerous leading aviation companies have headquarters or a major presence in Florida; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida'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, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLISTON, that April 2017 shall be designated as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

and the Williston City Council encourages our citizens, businesses, institutions, city government officials and employees to promote recognition of this month, accordingly.

HEREBY, DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2017

City of Williston

R. Gerald Hethcoat, Mayor