

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Batiste and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 080 OF 2018

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE

WHEREAS; the City of Natchitoches in the state of Louisiana 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 Natchitoches Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS; Louisiana is home to 63 public-use airports, which serve 5,475 pilots and 2,807 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS; Louisiana is home to 53 fixed-base operators, 33 repair stations, 228 heliports, 6 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,401 flight students and 913 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS; general aviation in Louisiana contributes more than \$966 million to the state’s economy annually; and

WHEREAS; general aviation not only supports Louisiana’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

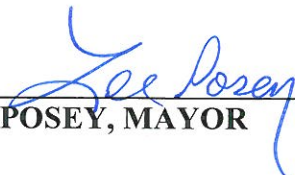
WHEREAS; The nation’s aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Lee Posey of Natchitoches, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Natchitoches and declare September to be General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Natchitoches.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 27th day of August, 2018.



LEE POSEY, MAYOR