



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Olive Branch, Mississippi

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olive Branch, 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 the Olive Branch Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Olive Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the *2018 Economic Impact of Aviation in Mississippi*, general aviation in Mississippi generates an estimated \$488 million to Mississippi's economy each year and supports 3,610 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Mississippi's economy, it improves the overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

**WHEREAS**, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national 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; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth R. Adams, Mayor of the City of Olive Branch, and the Board of Aldermen, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Olive Branch and declare April as **General Aviation Appreciation Month** in the City of Olive Branch.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand,  
this 5th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



**Kenneth R. Adams, Mayor**  
City of Olive Branch, Mississippi