

Proclamation

Declaring General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS: The City of Griffin 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 Griffin-Spalding County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Griffin and Spalding County; 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 contribute over \$1.2 billion annually to the state's economy; 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 not only supports Georgia's economy, it enhances an 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 AND IN WITNESS THEREOF,

As Chairman, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I urge all citizens to reflect on the vital strategic resource that is General Aviation and, thereby raise awareness of the importance of general aviation to our community. I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Griffin to be affixed this 14th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, declaring that the month of June be proclaimed **General Aviation Appreciation Month**.

Dick Morrow, Chairman

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager