WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb, in the state of Illinois, 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 DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports the Illinois 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 Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of DeKalb and declare June as “General Aviation Appreciation Month” in the City of DeKalb.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 28th day of May 2019.

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Jerry Smith, Mayor