City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH
May 2016

WHEREAS, *the City of Santa Barbara, California 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 Santa Barbara Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Santa Barbara, and general aviation in California contributes over $30.2 billion to the state's total economic impact; and*

WHEREAS, *California is home to 215 public-use general aviation airports serving 56,841 FAA certified pilots and 29,211 FAA registered aircraft, and home to 631 repair stations, 505 heliports, 66 FAA-approved pilot schools, 12,033 flight students and 9,452 flight instructors; and*

WHEREAS, *general aviation 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, HELENE SCHNEIDER, *by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Santa Barbara and declare* ***MAY*** *as* ***GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.***

IN IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 17th day of May 2016.*

HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor