

Whereas, The state of Mississippi and the City of Olive Branch recognizes general aviation and community airports to be an essential force that provides revenue, jobs and opportunity to the State's economy, and

Whereas, Given Mississippi's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon general aviation for all types of access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources, and

Whereas, Mississippi's 78 public-use airports are an essential part of the nation's airport system, connecting our State's communities and businesses to other regions, and

Whereas, There are 4,247 pilots, 2,543 active general aviation aircraft, 23 repair stations, 5 flight schools, 61 fixed base operators and 250 heliports, and

Whereas, General aviation contributes \$860,000,000 to Mississippi's economy annually.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that I, Scott B. Phillips, Jr., Mayor of the City of Olive Branch, do hereby proclaim February of 2014 as:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi

Proclaimed this the 3rd Day of February, 2014.

Scott B. Phillips, Jr. Mayor - City of Olive Branch