



# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Valdez residents, businesses and health care providers depend on reliable air service to transport people, freight, mail and medical supplies to and from the City; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the City's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Alaska depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our communities.

WHEREAS, Valdez has significant vested interest in the continued vitality of aircraft operations, aircraft maintenance, flight training, and community airports across the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as:

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

In Valdez, and encourage the citizens of the community to recognize the achievements of those who make aviation possible in Valdez and throughout the State of Alaska.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk