

Proclamation Declaring National Travel and Tourism Week in Savannah

WHEREAS: Travel has a positive economic effect on Savannah, Georgia, and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad; and

WHEREAS: Travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.4 trillion in economic output in 2017, with nearly \$1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

WHEREAS: Travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15.6 million jobs in 2017, including 8.8 million directly in the travel industry and 6.8 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS: Travelers' spending directly generates tax revenues of \$164.8 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS: Tourism and hospitality in the Savannah area provide over 27,800 jobs locally and an annual economic impact of \$2.9 billion; and

WHEREAS: International travel to the United States is the nation's number one services export, and number two overall; and

WHEREAS: Meetings, conventions, group tour and sports events being placed in Savannah at a higher rate than ever before with seven consecutive years of record bookings for future business, totaling millions of dollars in visitor spending and city, county and state tax revenues; and

WHEREAS: The Tourism Leadership Council and Visit Savannah work together to promote a healthy and vibrant tourism community in the Savannah area in order to move our local economy forward and serve as a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Eddie DeLoach, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and Tourism Week in Savannah, Georgia.

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2018.

By: _____

Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Attest: _____

Date: _____

Luciana Spracher, Clerk of Council

