

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 2020  
as  
AVIATION MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the Michigan Aviation System Plan, general aviation airports in Michigan support over \$5.2 billion in total economic output; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics reports that there are 230 public-use general aviation facilities in the state, which, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), serve 14,258 pilots and 7,200 registered aircrafts; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Michigan Aviation System Plan, on-airport output in Michigan supports 33,753 jobs and a labor income of more than \$1.4 billion; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state is home to 89 repair stations, eight FAA-approved flight schools, 3,545 student pilots, and 2,606 flight instructors; and,

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports the Michigan economy, but also improves our overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and health care services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and,

**WHEREAS**, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and,

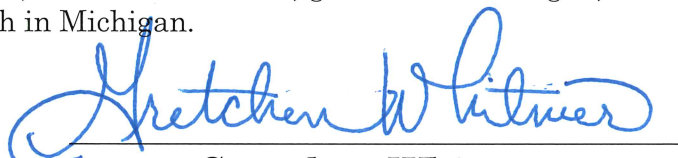
**WHEREAS**, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and,

**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit that serves communities of all sizes; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is important for both federal and state leaders to invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as Aviation Month in Michigan.





Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

