



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, tens of thousands of general aviation aircraft — including corporate jets, medical evacuation helicopters, and airplanes owned by individuals for business and personal use — are flown in the United States

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports serve those aircraft and play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operations of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Ohio support more than 17,500 jobs with a payroll of more than \$688 million; and

WHEREAS, fractional aircraft companies, where multiple owners share the costs of purchasing, leasing and operating the aircraft, directly employ more than 1,400 Ohio workers; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to 151 public-use airports, which serve about 18,000 pilots and more than 8,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Ohio depend on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, aviation colleges and university programs and flight school operating at local airports throughout the state, including Kent State University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College, and Bowling Green State University, serve an important role in training the next generation of pilots and mechanics; and

WHEREAS, the general aviation industry actively encourages students to consider careers in aviation through scholarships, events, and informational resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize December as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

on this 1st day of December 2019.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor