In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO

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

WHEREAS, according to the *2014 Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study,* general aviation airports in Ohio support a total output of more than $1.8 billion, 17,497 jobs in Ohio, and over $688 million in annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, the state has 150 public-use airports, which serve 15,820 pilots and 7,800 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 130 repair stations, 16 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,962 student pilots and 3,008 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Ohio's economy, but it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit and direct 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, ***WE, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio,*** do hereby recognize December 2021 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

on this 1st day of December 2021.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor