

THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

~~ Greetings: Know this Proclamation is Presented to Honor.

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Abilene has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Abilene Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Texas Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic output of over \$9.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Texas' economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and technologies; and

WHEREAS, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit and should remain a public system that serves communities of all sizes; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, and leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and support our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council, I do herby proclaim the month of November 2021 as

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

In testimony whereof witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Abilene this the 4th day of November, 2021

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Anthony Williams, Mayor