

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the city of Allentown, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Lehigh Valley International Airport have an immense economic impact on the city of Allentown; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Pennsylvania's economy, but it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare service, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; 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. General aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY O'CONNELL, Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, on behalf of all our citizens, acknowledge the vital asset general aviation is to the city and do furthermore hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as

GENERAL AVIATION
APPRECIATION MONTH
IN ALLENTOWN

Ray O'Connell Mayor

