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General Aviation Appreciation Month 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Alpena in the state of Michigan 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 Alpena County Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Alpena; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in the state of Michigan support over \$5.2 billion in total economic output.; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Michigan's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; 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, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew J. Waligora, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Alpena, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Alpena and declare September 2020, as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Alpena.

Signed at Alpena, Michigan this 8th day of September 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Matthew J. Waligora", written over a horizontal line.

