

Official Proclamation General Aviation Appreciation Month December 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Bartlesville in the State of Oklahoma has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

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

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to 136 public-use airports, which serve 8,593 pilots and 5,622 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to 89 fixed-base operators, 120 repair stations, 135 heliports, 8 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,709 flight students and 1,376 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Oklahoma contributes over \$693 million to the State's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Oklahoma's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; 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, the Nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important 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;

NOW THEREFORE, the Bartlesville City Council does hereby officially proclaim December 2019 as "General Aviation Appreciation Month" and urge all citizens to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the City of Bartlesville.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to be affixed this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Paul Stuart, Ward 2

Curd, Jr., Ward 3

Vice Mayor Alan Gentges, Ward 4

Treyor Dorsey, Ward 5