

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Creek 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 W.K. Kellogg Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Battle Creek; 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 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

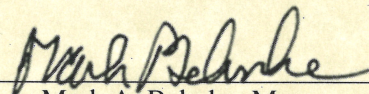
WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Battle Creek and declare *the Month of September* as

## ***“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”***



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
Mark A. Behnke, Mayor