WHEREAS, Beaumont in the State of Texas 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 Beaumont Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Beaumont; 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 innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, 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
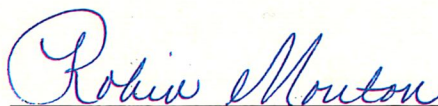
WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robin Mouton, Mayor of the City of Beaumont, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset and declare the month of November, 2021 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the City of Beaumont.

ACCORDINGLY, the Mayor has hereunto set her hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaumont to be affixed.

Robin Mouton

MAYOR

November 18, 2021

DATE