

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **General Aviation Appreciation Month September 2020**

***WHEREAS**, the City of Bloomington in the state of Illinois 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 Central Illinois Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Bloomington; and*

***WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in the state of Illinois support over \$9 billion in total economic output; and*

***WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Bloomington 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; and*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tari Renner, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Bloomington and declare September as*

***GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**  
in the City of Bloomington.*

*Tari Renner*  
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Mayor



*Leslie Yocum*  
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City Clerk