



City of Burlington, North Carolina PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of General Aviation Appreciation Month November 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, North Carolina, 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 Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 62 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 15,492 pilots and 6,735 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 81 fixed-base operators, 74 repair stations, 191 heliports, 17 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,720 student pilots and 2,819 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, the total annual economic output of general aviation airports in North Carolina is over \$4 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North Carolina'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, I, Ian Baltutis, Mayor of the City of Burlington, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Burlington and declare November 2019 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in Burlington.

This the 22nd day of November 2019.

Ian Baltutis,
Mayor Burlington, NC