



City of Burlington, North Carolina
PROCLAMATION
In Recognition of
General Aviation Appreciation Month
February 2021

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, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries sector and communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in North Carolina contributes over \$5 billion per year; 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, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, 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, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ian Baltutis, Mayor of the City of Burlington, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Burlington and declare February 2021 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in Burlington.

This the month of February 2021.


Ian Baltutis,
Mayor Burlington, NC