

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Centralia 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 Centralia Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Centralia; and

WHEREAS, according to the *Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018*, general aviation in Illinois contributes over \$9 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Illinois' 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, Bryan Kuder, Mayor of the City of Centralia, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Centralia and declare November as

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in the City of Centralia, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREAS, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Centralia to be affixed.

PASSED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

