



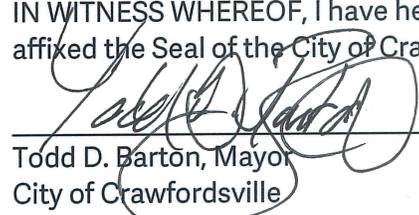
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Crawfordsville, Indiana, values the vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education, organizations, and community airports; and
- WHEREAS,** general aviation and the Crawfordsville Regional Airport significantly contribute to the city's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2022 Indiana State Aviation Economic Impact Study highlights that general aviation in the state generates over \$1.4 billion in business revenues, sustains over 11,000 jobs with a payroll of \$548 million, and provides a local economic impact of \$4.5 million annually, including 11 jobs supported by the Crawfordsville Regional Airport; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana is home to 127 public-use airports serving more than 12,500 pilots and almost 5,000 registered aircraft, including the Crawfordsville Regional Airport with 32 hangared aircraft, as reported by the FAA; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana boasts 51 repair stations, 19 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 4,500 student pilots, and nearly 2,100 flight instructors, with the Crawfordsville Regional Airport offering Part 91 aircraft maintenance, a Part 61 flight school, and employing 4 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS,** general aviation not only boosts Indiana's economy but also enhances overall quality of life by supporting vital services like emergency medical care, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and by facilitating business travel efficiently and safely; and
- WHEREAS,** the shortage of aviation professionals in the United States underscores the importance of investing in this critical infrastructure for future economic growth and the development of aviation professionals and pilots; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Celebration of General Aviation Flyover in Washington, D.C. commemorates the last 85 years in general aviation and the 85th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA); and
- THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Todd D. Barton, Mayor of the City of Crawfordsville, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 be proudly observed as

## *GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH*

in the city of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Crawfordsville on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

  
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Todd D. Barton, Mayor  
City of Crawfordsville

