

WHEREAS, the City of Cumberland 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 Greater Cumberland Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Cumberland; and

WHEREAS. the 2018 "Economic Impact of Public Use Airports in Maryland" study found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$867 million, more than 9,900 jobs, and a payroll of \$582 million; and a local economic impact of \$9 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Aviation Administration, the state has 35 public-use airports serving almost 9,400 pilots and almost 2,200 registered aircraft and according to the FAA, the state is home to 27 repair stations, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 4,000 student pilots, and more than 1450 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation supports Maryland's economy and improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, and investments in experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, as well as transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, investing in this critical infrastructure ensures future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

WHEREAS, the National Celebration of GA Flyover in Washington, D.C. commemorates the last 85 years in general aviation and the 85th anniversary of the founding of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

Now, Therefore, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, I do proclaim May 2024 as

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

Given under our Hands and Seals this 7th day of May, in the Year 2024, with the Corporate Seal of the City of Cumberland hereto attached, duly Attested by the City Clerk.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND

Raymond M. Morriss

Mayor