

# CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN

## PROCLAMATION

*From the Office of the Mayor:*

### OBSERVING GENERAL AVIATION MONTH -MAY 2024

- Whereas, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 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 Addington Field have a significant economic impact on the City of Elizabethtown, and
- Whereas, the PricewaterhouseCoopers Study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of more than \$2 billion, 11,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$599 million; and a local economic impact of \$1.2 million annually, and
- Whereas, according to the Kentucky Department of Aviation, the state has 57 public-use airports. These airports serve more than 7,500 pilots and more than 2,600 registered aircraft, and
- Whereas, according to the FAA, the state is home to 47 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 1,600 student pilots, and almost 1,300 flight instructors, and
- Whereas, general aviation not only supports Kentucky's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely, 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
- Whereas, the National Celebration of GA Flyover in Washington, DC commemorates the last 85 years in general aviation and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey H. Gregory, Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown, Kentucky do hereby proclaim MAY 2024 as **GENERAL AVIATION MONTH** and I urge all citizens to celebrate General Aviation Month.



Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, City of Elizabethtown

  
Jeffrey H. Gregory, Mayor

**In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand  
And caused this seal to be affixed**