

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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General Aviation Appreciation Month 2020

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

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in the state of Illinois supports over \$9 billion in total economic output.; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Fairfield's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, 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, Gary Moore, Mayor of the City of Fairfield, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Fairfield and declare December as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Fairfield.

Gary Moore, Mayor