

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairmont in the state of West Virginia 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 Fairmont Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Fairmont; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in West Virginia contributes over \$1 billion to the state's economy annually; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports West Virginia'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, Thomas Mainella, Mayor of the City of Fairmont, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Fairmont and declare February 2021 as

## **"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Fairmont to be affixed this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
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MAYOR