

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, has a vested and significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, year after year the general aviation activities at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport expand commerce opportunities and contribute substantially to the economic vitality of Fernandina Beach and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Florida contribute more than \$18.4 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only boosts Florida's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels/technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology such as, Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers quickly and safely to their destinations; and

WHEREAS, these specialty aircraft, coupled with Florida's extensive network of airports, represent a national public benefit which 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. As such, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Lednovich, Mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fernandina Beach and further declare the month of April 2021 as:

'GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH'

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Michael A. Lednovich, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 19th day of April 2021.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH



Michael A. Lednovich
Mayor - Commissioner