

# PROCLAMATION

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, Fort Morgan in the state of Colorado 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 Fort Morgan Municipal Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Fort Morgan; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study found that airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$48.6 billion, more than 345,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$16.2 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state has 70 public-use airports. These airports serve almost 22,000 pilots and more than 6,900 registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state is home to 75 repair stations, 14 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 6,700 student pilots, and over 4,400 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Colorado'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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyn Deal, Mayor of the City of Fort Morgan, do hereby proclaim January 2024 to be GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado.**

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

