

## CITY OF GALLUP OFFICE OF THE MAYOR STATE OF NEW MEXICO

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Gallup in the state of New Mexico 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 Gallup Municipal Airport have an immense economic

impact on the City of Gallup; and

WHEREAS: general aviation in 2016 New Mexico Airport Plan System Update; and

WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports New Mexico'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 investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, 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

Louie Bonaguidi, City of Gallup

of aviation professionals and pilots; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Louie Bonaguidi and City Councilors Linda Garcia, Michael Schaaf, Yogash Kumar and Fran Palochak do hereby proclaim the month of September as:

## **AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September 2021.

