

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

May 2024

WHEREAS, Since the early 1900s, aviation machines have transformed transportation and paved the way for modern-day general aviation; and

WHEREAS, Today, general aviation airports in Georgia boast almost \$2 billion in business revenues and create more than 14,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, the state has 95 public-use airports that serve almost 22,700 pilots and more than 8,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, The Gwinnett County Airport-Briscoe Field, one of the busiest general aviation airports in the state, improves Gwinnett's overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, sustainable fuel, and technology investments, and the transportation of business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, The Gwinnett County Airport-Briscoe Field employs more than 1,100 people and contributes more than \$140 million to Gwinnett's economy; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County leaders, in partnership with state and federal partners, continue to invest in the airport's infrastructure and operations to ensure sustainable growth and inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, do hereby recognize May 2024 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in Gwinnett County. I commend the many Gwinnett aircraft owners and pilots who help grow our community, thrive today, and innovate for future generations.

Chairwoman

Board of Commissioners Gwinnett County, Georgia

Signed this 24^{th} day of May, 2024

Musle & Hendrickson