

# Proclamation

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hendersonville in the state of North Carolina 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 Hendersonville Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Hendersonville; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in the state of North Carolina support over \$4.9 billion in total economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Hendersonville'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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Hendersonville and declare December as

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in the City of Hendersonville and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**PROCLAIMED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2020

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*Barbara G. Volk*  
Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

Attest:  
*Angela Reece*  
Angela Reece, City Clerk