

## Proclamation Declaring April 2023 at General Aviation Appreciation Month for the City of Hollister

**WHEREAS,** Hollister has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

WHEREAS, the Hollister Municipal Airport is a vital part of the City of Hollister's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in California generates an estimated \$32.7 billion in business revenues to the state's economy each year and supports more than 148,000 jobs and a payroll of \$11.3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and by transporting travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; 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, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, and investment in critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mia Casey, Mayor of Hollister, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital asset to the City of Hollister and declare April as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Hollister.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Hollister this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

Mia Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk