

City of King

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2023

Proclamation

WHEREAS, King City in the state of California 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 Mesa Del Rey Airport have a significant economic impact on King City; and

WHEREAS, the Price Waterhouse Coopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of over \$32.7 billion, over 148,000 jobs, and a total payroll of over \$11.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Aviation in California: Fact Sheet, the state has 214 public-use airports serving general aviation. According to the FAA, these airports serve almost 69,000 pilots and almost 25,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 555 repair stations, 65 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 25,000 student pilots, and over 10,000 flight instructors; 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 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of King City Council hereby declares March 2023 as **General Aviation Appreciation Month**.



Mike LeBarre
Mayor