

General Aviation Appreciation Month Proclamation 2022

WHEREAS, Lafayette in the State of Indiana 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 Purdue University Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, according to the *2012 Indiana Airports' Economic Impact Study*, general aviation in Indiana contributes over \$5.8 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Indiana's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and 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 of aviation professionals and pilots; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, **Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette**, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Lafayette and declare February as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Lafayette.



Mayor Tony Roswarski