

CITY OF LANCASTER

Lancaster, Ohio

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster, Ohio has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Fairfield County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in the state of Ohio supports over \$1.8 billion in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Lancaster's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, 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, David Scheffler, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, do hereby proclaim December as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, to be affixed this First Day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

David Scheffler, Mayor City of Lancaster, Ohio