

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Litchfield in the state of Illinois 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 Litchfield Municipal Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Litchfield; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis found that airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$95.5 billion, more than 492,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$32.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 105 public-use airports . These airports serve almost 18,800 pilots and more than 7,350 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 99 repair stations, 15 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 6,500 student pilots, and over 3,600 flight instructors; and

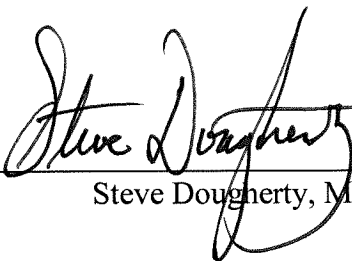
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Illinois' economy, but it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental 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, I, Steve Dougherty, Mayor of the City of Litchfield, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Litchfield, Illinois to be affixed this 12th day of October in 2023 A.D.





Steve Dougherty, Mayor