PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Lynchburg 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 Lynchburg Regional Airport/Preston Glenn Field an immense economic impact on the City of Lynchburg, and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in the state of Virginia support over \$1.1 billion in total economic output, and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, MaryJane Dolan, Mayor of the City of Lynchburg, do hereby proclaim the month of October

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in Lynchburg and recognize aviation as a vital strategic asset in our community.

October 13, 2020