

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Macomb 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 Macomb Municipal Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Macomb; 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, 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;

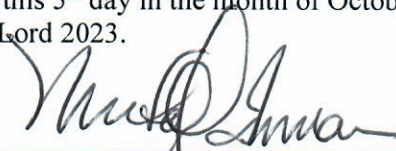
**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of the City of Macomb, Illinois do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:

## ***GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH***



and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of aviation in our local communities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Macomb, Illinois, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day in the month of October in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

  
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Mayor