



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Madisonville in the state of Kentucky 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 Madisonville Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of more than \$2 billion, 11,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$599 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the Kentucky Department of Aviation, the state has 57 public-use airports. These airports serve more than 7,500 pilots and more than 2,600 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 47 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 1,600 student pilots, and almost 1,300 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Kentucky's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, 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; and

WHEREAS, the National Celebration of GA Flyover in Washington, D.C. commemorates the last 85 years in general aviation and the 85th anniversary of the founding of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Cotton, Mayor of the City of Madisonville, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

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Mayor Kevin Cotton