PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS GENERAL AVIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Mammoth Lakes in the state of California 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 Mammoth Yosemite Airport have a significant economic impact on the Town of Mammoth Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Pricewaterhouse Coopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$32.7 billion, more than 148.000 jobs, and a payroll of \$11.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 214 general aviation airports. These airports serve 68,850 pilots and 24,750 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 555 repair stations, 65 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 25,500 student pilots, and over 10,000 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California's 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, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, State of California, that September is recognized as General Aviation Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2023.

JOHN WENTWORTH, Mayor

ATTEST: