



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Manhattan in the State of Kansas 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 Manhattan Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the city of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports are important to Kansas' businesses supporting commerce, attracting visitors and contributing more than \$9 billion annually to the state's economy, directly and indirectly; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to approximately 140 public use airports who serve as the front door to their respective communities, provide emergency air ambulance access, and allow for economic development anywhere in the state; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Kansas' 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 provides K-State Athletics and Military Charter operations; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wynn Butler, Mayor of the city of Manhattan, Kansas, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

and encourage all citizens to visit the Manhattan Regional Airport's newly constructed terminal and fixed based operator facility.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, to be affixed this 11th day of February, 2021.



Wynn Butler

Wynn Butler, Mayor