



**PROCLAMATION
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Town of Marana in the State of Arizona 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 Marana Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the Town of Marana; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Arizona generates an estimated \$609 million in economic activity and supports \$261 million in wages and benefits annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Arizona'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 by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors and communities; and

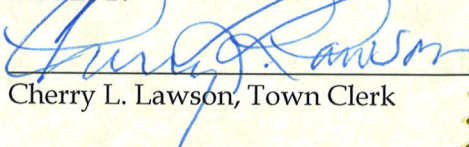
WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

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

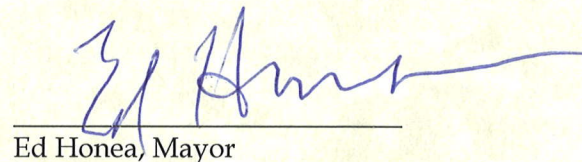
NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Marana Town Council do hereby declare general aviation a vital strategic asset to the Town of Marana and declare February 2021 as **"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH."**

Dated this 11th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:


Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk




Ed Honea, Mayor