

PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the Town of Marana 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

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Arizona's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana proclaim and recognize January 2020, as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

And urge the residents of our community to support the businesses and industries that contribute to general aviation as an important public benefit to the community and economic resource to the region.

Dated this 17th day of December 2019.

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ATTEST

Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk

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