

# Proclamation



## Mayor Nancy Smith

**Whereas**, the City of Maricopa in the state of Arizona has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation education institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

**Whereas**, general aviation and the Ak-Chin Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Maricopa; and

**Whereas**, the 2021 Arizona Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$3.3 billion; In addition, state airports overall support more than 386,000 jobs, and a total payroll of over \$20.4 billion; and

**Whereas**, according to the FAA, the state of Arizona has 78 general aviation airports. These airports serve more than 26,000 pilots and 7,800 registered aircraft; and

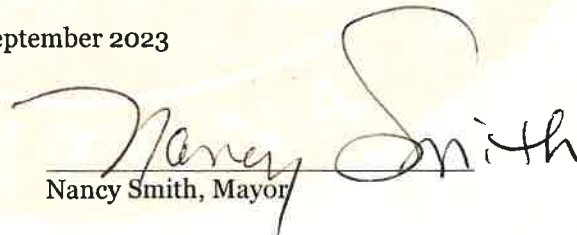
**Whereas**, according to the FAA, the state of Arizona is home to 155 repair stations, 24 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 8,000 student pilots, and almost 5,000 flight instructors; and

**Whereas**, general aviation not only supports Arizona'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 vehicle, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

**Whereas**, as 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**, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023, as **General Aviation Appreciation Month** in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023

  
Nancy Smith, Mayor

