

Board of
MERCER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH - DECEMBER 2019

Whereas: general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2014 Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio support over 17,000 jobs, more than \$688 million in annual payroll, and support a total output of more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy, according to the same study, fractional aircraft companies directly employ more than 1,400 Ohio workers; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to 150 public-use airports, which serve over 15,000 pilots and over 7,800 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Ohio depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state; 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; 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, aviation colleges and university programs and flight schools operating at local airports across the state of Ohio, including Kent State University in Kent, Ohio University in Albany, Ohio State University in Columbus, University of Cincinnati-Clermont College in Batavia and Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, serve an important role in training the next generation of pilots and mechanics; and

WHEREAS, the general aviation industry actively encourages students to consider careers in aviation through scholarships, events and informational resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Mercer County, Ohio does hereby recognize

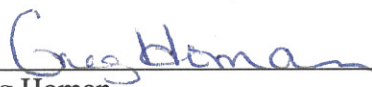
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Throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in its observance.

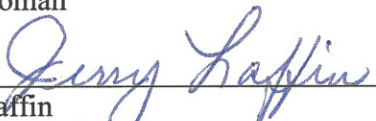
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused this Seal of Mercer County, Ohio, to be affixed at Celina, Ohio this 19th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



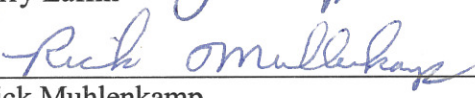
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ATTEST:



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