



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

Midland in the State of Texas 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 Midland Airpark have an immense economic impact on the City of Midland; and

WHEREAS,

according to the 2018 Texas Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic output of over \$9.3 billion; and

WHEREAS,

general aviation not only supports Texas economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS,

these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefits, 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, I, *Patrick Payton*, Mayor of the City of Midland, Texas, do hereby proclaim aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Midland and declare November as:

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Midland, Texas, to be affixed this 1st day of November 2021.

Patrick Payton
Mayor

