

PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Millville in the state of New Jersey 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 Millville Municipal Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Millville; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 New Jersey Statewide Economic Impacts found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$2.8 billion, more than 12,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$890 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 42 public-use airports. These airports serve over 8,400 pilots and almost 3,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 58 repair stations, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, more than 1,900 student pilots, and over 1,600 flight instructors; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Sooy, Acting Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City of Millville, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

Adopted: March 5, 2024



Attest:

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