



**Proclamation
Recognizing October
as
General Aviation Appreciation Month**

WHEREAS, the City of New Smyrna Beach in the state of Florida 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 New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of New Smyrna Beach; and

WHEREAS, the 109 public-use general aviation airports of the state of Florida support over 108,000 jobs and contribute more than \$4 billion in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida's economy, it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, attracting investments in innovative experimental technology, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit, 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, Russ Owen, Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of New Smyrna Beach and declare October as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in New Smyrna Beach and urge all citizens to pay special recognition to our Constitution and the advantages of our American citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of October, 2021.

**RUSS OWEN
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**KELLY MCQUILLEN
CITY CLERK**