

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Jennifer A. Macksey

**A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2023**

WHEREAS, North Adams in the state of Massachusetts 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 Harriman-and-West Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of North Adams; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$630 million, more than 5,100 jobs, and a payroll of \$270 million; and

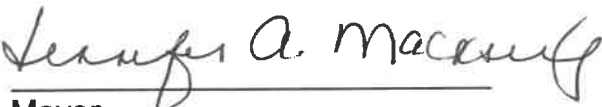
WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 30 general aviation airports. These airports serve 9,000 pilots and 2,700 registered aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 50 repair stations, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 3,600 student pilots, and almost 1,300 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Massachusetts' economy, it 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 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, Jennifer A. Macksey, Mayor of the City of North Adams, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**.



Mayor

