CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS Office of the Mayor - Jennifer A. Macksey

A Proclamation Acknowledging General Aviation Appreciation Month

September 2025

WHEREAS, the Harriman-West Airport has long served as a vital gateway to the City of North Adams, supporting aviation, commerce, tourism, and community events; and

WHEREAS, the airport continues to play an important role in connecting North Adams to the greater region, fostering economic growth, and providing opportunities for education and recreation; 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, the City of North Adams recognizes the importance of preserving and maintaining this critical public asset to ensure its safe and effective operation for residents, businesses, and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Harriman-West Airport is achieved not only through city planning and investment, but also through the dedication of airport users who invest their time and energy in their commitment to flying; and

WHEREAS, the City extends its gratitude and recognition to Lonny Cimonetti for his outstanding commitment to the upkeep and maintenance of the airport grounds and facilities, ensuring the airport remains welcoming, safe, and operational year-round;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer A. Macksey, Mayor of the City of North Adams, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as a month to recognize and celebrate the importance of Harriman-West Airport to our community, and to honor the contributions of those who support its continued success, especially the dedicated service of Lonnie Simonetti.

Jennifer A Mackey

Mayor

