

PROCLAMATION

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

September, 2023

Whereas, Oxnard in the state of California 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 Oxnard Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Oxnard; and

Whereas, the PricewaterhouseCoppers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$32.7 billion, more than 148,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$11.3 billion; and

Whereas, according to the FAA, the state has 214 general aviation airports. These airports serve 68,850 pilots and 24,750 registered aircraft; and

Whereas, according to the FFA, the state is home to 555 repair stations, 65 FFA-approved pilot schools, over 25,500 student pilots, and over 10,000 flight instructors; and

Whereas, general aviation not only supports California's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcements, firefighting, and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovate 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 growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

Now, Therefore, I, John C. Zaragoza, Mayor of the City of Oxnard, does hereby proclaim the month of September, 2023 as:

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in the City of Oxnard and encourage all residents to reach out, volunteer and support it's humanitarian mission.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oxnard to be affixed this 14^{th} day of September, 2023.

OF OLLAND CORPORATED LUNE SO. 1808.

John C. Zaragozá

Mayor