

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH September 2023

**WHEREAS**, Paso Robles 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 Paso Robles Municipal Airport have a significant impact on the City of Paso Robles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PricewaterhouseCoopers 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 that service 68,850 pilots and 24,750 registered aircraft; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state is home to 555 repair stations, 65 FAA-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 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 out next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

**Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, John R. Hamon Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tem, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 5th day of September,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

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John R. Hamon Jr., Mayor Pro Tem