

*Office of the Mayor
Ruston, Louisiana*

PROCLAMATION



- WHEREAS, Ruston in the state of Louisiana 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 the Ruston Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ruston; and
- WHEREAS, the 2022 Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study Update found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$1.1 billion, more than 10,600 jobs, and a total payroll of \$459 million; and
- WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 61 general aviation airports. These airports serve more than 6, 200 pilots and 3, 500 registered aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 29 repair stations, 8 FAA-approved pilot schools, more than 2, 300 student pilots, and over 900 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Louisiana'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 our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronny Walker, Mayor of the City of Ruston, do hereby proclaim, July 2023, as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

In witness whereof I have hereunto and set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.



Attest: _____
Date: _____

