PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Saginaw County in the State of Michigan has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports. General aviation and the Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport have an immense economic impact on Saginaw County; and,

WHEREAS, According to the *2017 Michigan Aviation System Plan*, general aviation airports in Michigan support over $5.2 billion in total economic output. It not only supports Michigan's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting 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, These aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes; and,

WHEREAS, General aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities and it stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, The United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals and leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October as **General Aviation Appreciation Month** and declares general aviation a vital strategic asset to Saginaw County.

Respectfully Submitted,   *Adopted: September 21, 2021*
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners

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