

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastian in the state of Florida 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 Sebastian Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sebastian; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Florida contribute more than \$7.7 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Florida'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 such as 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

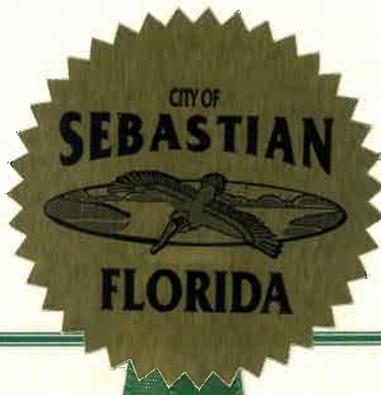
WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors and communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the United States face a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical industry to ensure future economic growth and next generations of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Jones, Mayor of the City of Sebastian, do hereby recognize general aviation is a vital strategic asset to the City of Sebastian.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sebastian, Florida to be affixed this 22nd day of November, 2022.



City of Sebastian, Florida


Mayor Fred Jones