

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Smyrna in the state of Tennessee 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 Smyrna Airport have an immense economic impact on the Town of Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, according to the *2017 Economic Impacts of Aviation Activity in Tennessee* study, the total economic output of general aviation in Tennessee is over \$1.0 billion; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Tennessee'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

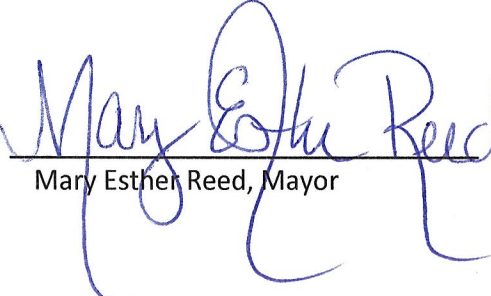
WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; 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, Mary Esther Reed, Mayor of the Town of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the Town of Smyrna and declare October as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the Town of Smyrna, Tennessee.

Proclaimed this 1st day of October, 2021


Mary Esther Reed, Mayor

