




## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: the city of Terre Haute in the state of Indiana 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 Terre Haute Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Terre Haute; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana is home to 117 public-use airports, which serve 10,396 pilots and 4,914 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana is home to 74 fixed-base operators, 54 repair stations, 118 public-and private-use heliports, 12 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,435 flight students and 1,728 flight instructors; and
- WHEREAS: general aviation airports in Indiana contribute over \$5.8 billion to the state's total annual economic impact; and
- WHEREAS: general aviation not only supports Indiana's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and
- WHEREAS: the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and
- WHEREAS: the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important 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.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim November, 2019 as

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

  
Duke A Bennett, Mayor

