



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 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, according to the *2012 Indiana Airports' Economic Impact Study*, general aviation in Indiana contributes over \$5.8 billion to the state's total economic output; 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, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and 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, Duke Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Terre Haute and declare October as

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Terre Haute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

