CITY OF WILDWOOD

Cape May County, New Jersey RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Wildwood, in the State of New Jersey 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 Cape May Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Wildwood; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 New Jersey Statewide Economic Impacts found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$2.8 billion, more than 12,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$890 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 42 public-use airports. These airports serve over 8,400 pilots and almost 3,000 registered aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports New Jersey's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that they do hereby proclaim March 2024 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Wildwood

PREPARED BY: CITY CLERK

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| Resolution No. <u>127-2-24</u> | |
| Offered By Fitzsimons | Seconded by MIKUISKI |

I, Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk of the City of Wildwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Wildwood Board of Commissioners, held this 28th day of February, 2024, and in witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand and official seal on this date written. Yuna a. t

LISA A. BROWN, CITY CLERK