



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Zephyrhills 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 Zephyrhills Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Zephyrhills; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation in Florida generates an estimated \$18.4 billion in business revenues to the state's economy each year and supports more than 108,000 jobs and a payroll of \$5.4 billion 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 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

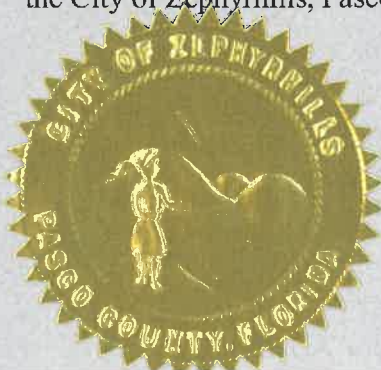
WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

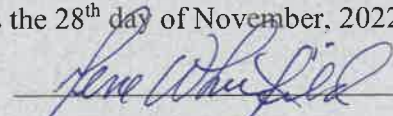
WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots; and

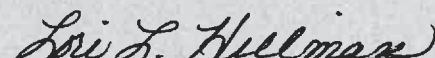
NOW THEREFORE, I, Gene Whitfield by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Zephyrhills and declare November 2022 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida on this the 28th day of November, 2022.




Gene Whitfield, Mayor

Attest: 

Lori L. Hillman, City Clerk