



The City of Gardner

Proclamation

- Whereas,** *the City of Gardner has significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft, manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and*
- Whereas,** *the 30 general aviation airports in the state serve 9,000 pilots and 2,700 registered aircraft, airports like Gardner Municipal Airport, have a significant economic impact on the state; and,*
- Whereas,** *the 2019 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study Update found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of \$630 million, more than 5,100 jobs and a payroll of \$270 million, and*
- Whereas,** *according to the FAA; the state is home to 50 repair stations, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 3,600 student pilots, and almost 1,300 flight instructors; and,*
- Whereas,** *general aviation airports not only contribute to the economy they improve overall quality of life by supporting emergency personnel, innovative technology, disaster relief and the business community; 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,*
- Therefore,** *by the authority vested in me, I, Michael J. Nicholson, Mayor of the City of Gardner, along with Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, President of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Gardner and encourage all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.*



Michael J. Nicholson

Mayor of the City of Gardner

Elizabeth J. Kazinskas

President of the City Council