

# PROCLAMATION

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the City of Centralia, in the State of Illinois, 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 Centralia Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Centralia; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in the State of Illinois support over \$9 billion in total economic output.; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Centralia economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, 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 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, Herb Williams, Mayor of the City of Centralia, State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Centralia and declare September as

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in the City of Centralia, Illinois.

**IN WITNESS WHEREAS**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Centralia to be affixed.

**PASSED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020**

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

