

General Aviation Appreciation Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lafayette 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 Purdue University Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Indiana State Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of more than \$1.4 billion, over 11,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$548 million; and a local economic impact of \$63.7 million annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 127 public-use airports. These airports serve more than 12,500 pilots and almost 5,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 51 repair stations, 19 FAA-approved pilot schools, more than 4,500 student pilots, and almost 2,100 flight instructors; 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the National Celebration of GA Flyover in Washington, D.C. commemorates the last 85 years in general aviation and the 85th anniversary of the founding of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.



Mayor Tony Roswarski

