

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 2024

as

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of Michigan's citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and,

**WHEREAS**, aviation-related activities annually contribute nearly \$22 billion to Michigan's economy, support over 33,000 jobs, and provide a total payroll of over \$1.4 billion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state of Michigan has 210 publicly owned airports serving more than 16,000 pilots and nearly 7,000 registered aircraft; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is home to 111 repair stations, 10 Federal Aviation Administration-approved pilot schools educating almost 5,500 student pilots, and employing nearly 2,900 flight instructors; and,

**WHEREAS**, general aviation improves the overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and,

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports are critical infrastructure that ensure future economic growth and support the next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in Michigan.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

