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PROCLAMATION

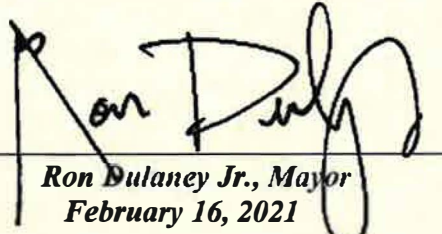
- Whereas,*** the City of Morgantown in the State of West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and
- Whereas,*** general aviation and the Morgantown Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Morgantown; and
- Whereas,*** general aviation in West Virginia contributes over \$1 billion to the state's economy annually; and
- Whereas,*** general aviation not only supports West Virginia'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 by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and
- Whereas,*** their 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.

Now therefore, I, Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Morgantown and declare
February 2021 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

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Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor
February 16, 2021