



**A PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Tifton 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 Henry Tift Myers Airport have an immense economic impact on our community; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Georgia’s 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 investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, 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 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, and 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, Julie Smith, Mayor of the City of Tifton, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Tifton and declare October as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Tifton.

**PROCLAIMED** this 10 day of September, 2021



Julie B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica White  
City Clerk