



**Erin Mendenhall**

**Mayor**

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City 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 South Valley Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Salt Lake City; and

**WHEREAS**, the total economic output of general aviation in Utah is over \$2.6 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Utah'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, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim April 2021 as:

***GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in Salt Lake City***

*Dated March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

  
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Erin Mendenhall  
Mayor