



# The City of York Pennsylvania

*The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor*

## Proclamation

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH February 2022

**WHEREAS**, York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 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 York Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of York; and

**WHEREAS**, according to *Economic Impact of Aviation in Pennsylvania Study 2019 Interim Update*, general aviation airports in Pennsylvania contribute over \$1.7 billion in economic impact each year; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Pennsylvania's economy, but it also improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and 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, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor of the City of York, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of York, and declare February as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**, in the City of York.



Given this day in York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
on the 1st day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Michael R. Helfrich  
Mayor, City of York