

A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By Her Honor The Mayor

Indya Kincannon

To Publicly Recognize

General Aviation

- WHEREAS: The City of Knoxville 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 Downtown Island Airport (DKK) have an immense economic impact on the City of Knoxville; and
- WHEREAS: According to the 2019 Aviation Economic Impact Study, the total economic output of aviation in Tennessee is over \$40 billion; and
- WHEREAS: General aviation not only supports Tennessee'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:** These aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit, and Congressional oversight of this system should be in place to ensure that it remains public and serves communities of all sizes; and
- **WHEREAS:** Leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, do hereby proclaim March 2021 to be:

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in our community, and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, This First Day of March 2021

