

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GLENN A. JOHNSON

Proclamation

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Pullman in the state of Washington 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 Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Pullman; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Washington Aviation Economic Impact found that airports in the state support an annual economic impact of over \$107 billion, over 407,000 jobs, and a total payroll of over \$26.8 billion; and,

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state has 134 public-use airports. These airports serve almost 25,000 pilots and almost 7,200 registered aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 107 repair stations, 22 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 8,000 student pilots, and over 4,400 flight instructors; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Washington'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 investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; 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, Glenn A. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Pullman, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

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HIGH Tech, HIGHER Education, HIGHEST Quality of Life