City of Youngstown Proclamation Mayor Jamael Tito Brown

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WHEREAS: Youngstown in the State of Ohio 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 Youngstown-Warren regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Youngstown. According to the 2014 Ohio Airports Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Ohio support a total output of more than \$1.8 Billion; and

WHEREAS: General aviation not only supports Ohio's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investment 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: The 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

General aviation has been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities. 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMAEL TITO BROWN, as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Youngstown and declare February as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

