

*Office of the Mayor*

# Proclamation

## “GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2020”

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coolidge in the state of Arizona 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 Coolidge Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Coolidge; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is home to 78 public-use airports, which serve 20,515 pilots and 7,663 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Arizona supports \$609 million in economic activity in Arizona annually; and

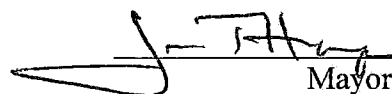
**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Arizona’s economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation serves as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important 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;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jon Thompson, Mayor of the City of Coolidge, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Coolidge and call upon the citizens of Coolidge to observe this month by recognizing that general aviation is a vital strategic resource for the City of Coolidge.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk

