



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Florida ranks second in the nation for aerospace and aviation establishments; and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation airports accommodate more than 9 million visitors and business travelers annually and are home to more than 6% of the nation's entire general aviation fleet; and

WHEREAS, Florida aviation represents more than \$175 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bartow has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, aircraft and aerospace manufacturing, the Bartow Executive Airport and aviation education; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport allows the City of Bartow to capitalize on an increasingly global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bartow's economic well-being is intrinsically entwined with Bartow Executive Airport and its aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport contributes more than \$114 million to the Florida economy; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport both sustains and leads economic growth and development. It's an important economic engine and supports vital health, welfare, emergency, and safety-related services; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport strives to continuously make improvements to its facilities, through adding new vendors, improving pilot services, and renovating the facilities to make visiting the airport a remarkable experience; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport is committed to the future of aviation and provides quality flight instruction through its renown flight school, Bartow Flying Service; and

WHEREAS, Bartow Executive Airport has been true to its mission and vision of providing the Bartow Airport Experience of outstanding customer service, quality facilities, and honoring the history of the city and airport; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Sjoblom, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bartow, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as:

AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

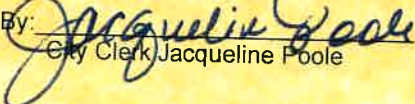
in Bartow, Florida.

DATED at Bartow, Florida, this 5th day of April 2021

CITY OF BARTOW

By: 
Mayor Scott Sjoblom

ATTEST WITH SEAL:

By: 
City Clerk Jacqueline Poole

