

City of Florence

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Florence in the state of South Carolina has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Florence Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Florence; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 South Carolina Economic Impact of Aviation study, general aviation airports in South Carolina contribute over \$1.0 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports South Carolina's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting 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, these 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

WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, 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, Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor of the City of Florence, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Florence and declare October as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Florence to be affixed this 29 day of September, 2021.

Teresa Myers Ervin
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MAYOR

Attest:

Casey C. Moore
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MUNICIPAL CLERK

