

BY THE MAYOR OF JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

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## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Jacksonville, Illinois 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 Jacksonville Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Illinois' 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 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,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY EZARD**, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Jacksonville and declare October as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Jacksonville.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 3rd day of October 2022.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andy Ezard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mayor Andy Ezard  
Jacksonville, Illinois