



## CITY OF LEBANON

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR

**WHEREAS,** The City of Lebanon in the State of Tennessee 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 Lebanon Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS,** According to the *2017 Economic Impacts of Aviation Activity in Tennessee* study, the total economic output of general aviation in Tennessee is over \$1 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** General aviation not only supports Tennessee's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rick Bell, Mayor of the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Lebanon and declare October 2021 as:

**“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”**



  
Rick Bell, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, this 24th day of September 2021.

