



Proclamation

2021-03

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Lovington in the state of New Mexico 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 Lea County-Zip Franklin Memorial Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lovington; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in 2016 New Mexico Aiport Plan System Update; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports New Mexico'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, David Trujillo, Mayor of the City of Lovington, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Lovington and declare October as "GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH" in the City of Lovington.

Attest:


Shannon Lester

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City Clerk

Done at the City Commission Meeting this
27th day of September, 2021

David Trujillo
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Mayor