

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Proclamation **November 2021** **General Aviation Appreciation Month**

WHEREAS, Monmouth in the State of Illinois has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational intuitions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the *Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018*, general aviation in Illinois contributes over \$9 billion to the state's total economic output; and

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

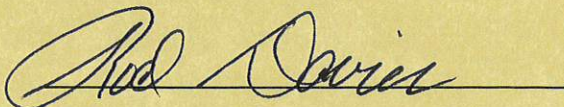
WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

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

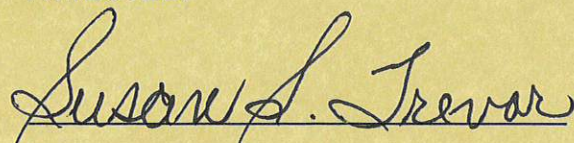
NOW THEREFORE, I, Rod Davies, Mayor of the City of Monmouth, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Monmouth and declare November as **General Aviation Appreciation Month** in the City of Monmouth.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2021

ATTESTED:



Rod Davies, Mayor



Susan S. Trevor, City Clerk