

CITY OF ASHEVILLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville in the state of North Carolina 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 Asheville Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in North Carolina contributes over \$5 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports North 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 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

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

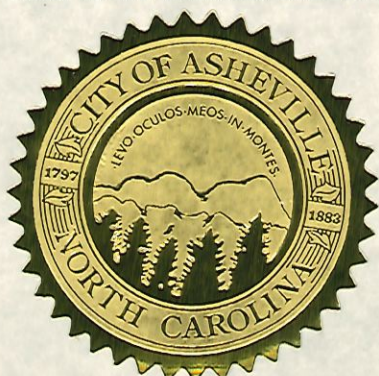
WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Asheville and acknowledge that general aviation is a vital strategic asset to the City of Asheville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the City of Asheville to be affixed this 3rd day of February 2021.



Esther E. Manheimer

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Mayor