



Proclamation

Declaring April as General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Oakdale in the state of California 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 Oakdale Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Oakdale; and

WHEREAS, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, general aviation in California generates an estimated \$32.7 billion in business revenues to the state's economy each year and supports more than 148,000 jobs and a payroll of \$11.3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California'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, 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

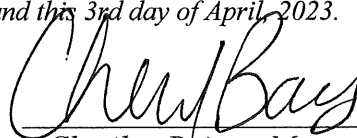
WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

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, Cherilyn Bairos, Mayor of Oakdale, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Oakdale and declare April as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Oakdale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 3rd day of April, 2023.


Cherilyn Bairos, Mayor