

Proclamation

City of Palm Springs

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WHEREAS, Palm Springs, 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 Palm Springs International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Palm Springs; and

WHEREAS, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, *Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018*, general aviation in California contributes over \$32.7 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California's economy, but it also improves the 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

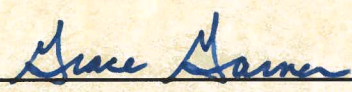
WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

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.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the City Council of the City of Palm Springs, California, by the power vested in us, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Palm Springs and declare February as:

“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”

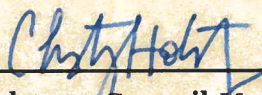

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