



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Culpeper in the Commonwealth of Virginia 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 Culpeper Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the Culpeper community; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Virginia support over \$1.1 billion in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Culpeper'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 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, as 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, Michael Olinger, Mayor of the Town of Culpeper, Virginia hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the Culpeper community and declare September as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the Town of Culpeper.

GIVEN under my hand this 1st day of September 2020.


Michael T. Olinger, Mayor
Town of Culpeper, Virginia

Attest:


Kimberly D. Allen, Town Clerk

