



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsburg in the state 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 Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Williamsburg; and

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

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Williamsburg'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 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, Douglas G. Pons, Mayor of the City of Williamsburg, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Williamsburg and declare September as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, to be affixed, this Eighth day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty.



Douglas G. Pons, Mayor