



# PROCLAMATION



## General Aviation Appreciation Month June 2021

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb in the state of Illinois 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 DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of DeKalb; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in the state of Illinois supports over \$9 billion in total economic output.; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports DeKalb'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 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, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of DeKalb and declare June as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of DeKalb.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

COHEN BARNES, Mayor

