

# PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

### ***“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”***

WHEREAS, the City of El Reno, in the State of Oklahoma 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 El Reno Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of El Reno; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to 136 public-use airports, which serve 8,593 pilots and 5,622 active general aviation aircraft; publicly-owned general aviation airports in Oklahoma support over \$693 million in total annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Oklahoma’s economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief services; and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, with an estimated need of 212,000 pilots in North America over the next 20 years, and general aviation services as a pipeline for those seeking careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, the nation’s aviation infrastructure represents an important 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Matt White, by the powers vested in me as Mayor of the City of El Reno, Oklahoma and all its Citizens, do hereby proclaim December, 2019 to be

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in the City of El Reno, Oklahoma, and urge all of our citizens to be supportive of this event.

  
Lindsey Grigg, City Clerk

  
Matt White, Mayor

