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## **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Waukesha in the state of Wisconsin 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 Waukesha County Airport/Crites Field has an immense economic impact on the City of Waukesha; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the *2010 Economic Significance of the Aviation Industry in Wisconsin*, general aviation in Wisconsin generates an estimated \$694 million in economic activity and supports \$259 million in wages and benefits annually; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Wisconsin'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 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 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**, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Waukesha and declare July as

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Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha