



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham in the State of Washington 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 Bellingham International Airport have an immense impact on the City of Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Washington'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 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 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of October 2021 to be

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and acknowledge the vital strategic asset to the City of Bellingham.



Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham