

# Proclamation

## DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF LAKEPORT

**WHEREAS**, Lakeport in the state of California 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 Lampson Field have a significant economic impact on the City of Lakeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018, found that general aviation airports in the state support an annual economic impact of over \$32.7 billion, over 148,000 jobs, and a total payroll of over \$11.3 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2018 Aviation in California: Fact Sheet, the state has 214 public-use airports serving general aviation. According to the FAA, these airports serve almost 69,000 pilots and almost 25,000 registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the FAA, the state is home to 555 repair stations, 65 FAA-approved pilot schools, over 25,000 student pilots, and over 10,000 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports California'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**, 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of Lakeport does hereby designate March 2023 as

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in the City of Lakeport.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lakeport to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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STACEY MATTINA, Mayor