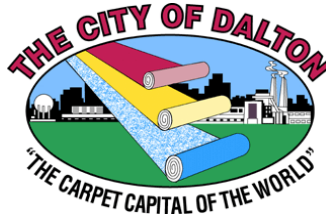


PROCLAMATION



GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, Dalton, Georgia 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 Dalton Municipal Airport have a \$7.8 million annual economic impact on the City of Dalton; and

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

WHEREAS, Georgia has 95 public-use airports that serve almost 22,700 pilots and more than 8,000 registered aircraft and is home to 132 repair stations, 15 FAA-approved pilot schools, more than 7,200 student pilots, and more than 4,100 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, the National Celebration of GA Flyover in Washington, D.C. commemorates the 85th anniversary of the founding of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Annalee Sams, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim general aviation a vital, strategic asset and declare May 2024 as "**General Aviation Appreciation Month**" to promote future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor _____

Date May 6, 2024