TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to 99 general aviation airports, which serve 5,779 pilots and 3,313 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas general aviation airports contribute $467 million to the state’s economy yearly; and

WHEREAS: General aviation sustains 5,100 jobs and a payroll of nearly $167 million, not including the general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to 81 fixed-base operators, 43 certified repair stations, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,977 student pilots and 826 flight instructors and 114 heliports; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas depends on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our communities; and

WHEREAS: General aviation plays a vital role in the State’s response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: Organizations across the state recognize, promote, and develop the interests and importance of general aviation in our state, and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 10th, 2021, as

GENERAL AVIATION DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord 2021.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State