



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government and the community recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety of the United States; and

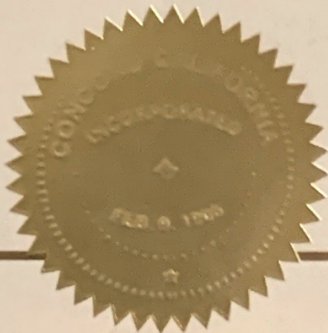
WHEREAS, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Harriet Quimby who, in 1911, became the first woman to earn a pilot certificate and cross the English Channel, to Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934, to Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space, to Jeana Yeager who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986, to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and

WHEREAS, during the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry are female; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort by government, industry, and dedicated organizations and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum, and expose girls to positive female role models.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura M. Hoffmeister, Mayor of the City of Concord, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as "Girls in Aviation Day" in the City of Concord and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, and educational institutions to support and participate in Girls in Aviation Day events being held nationwide by Women in Aviation International Chapters, promoting girls in aviation and aerospace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Concord to be affixed this 23rd day of September 2023.



Laura M. Hoffmeister, Mayor
City of Concord