

**City of College Park Proclamation
in Recognition of
Mr. Lee Sommer**

- WHEREAS,** we gather to honor a remarkable individual whose dedication to aviation and the community has left an indelible mark on College Park Airport and beyond—Mr. Lee Sommer; and
- WHEREAS,** since joining the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as the airport manager in December 2014, Lee has been a steadfast steward of “The World’s Oldest Continuously Operated Airport”; and
- WHEREAS,** his passion for aviation, cultivated over decades as a pilot since 1974, 50 years, has been evident in every aspect of his work. With over 3800 flight hours logged, Lee’s commitment to aviation safety and excellence is unmatched; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure, Lee accomplished significant milestones that will benefit the airport for years to come. He played a crucial role in overseeing the construction of the new operations building, ensuring it met the needs of our community and the demands of modern aviation. Under his leadership, we witnessed the successful paving of the apron, taxiway, and runway, enhancing safety and accessibility for all who use the airport. Moreover, Lee spearheaded vital obstruction remediation efforts, ensuring that our skies remained clear and safe for pilots and aircraft; and
- WHEREAS,** Lee’s enthusiasm for aviation was matched only by his love for his four-legged companion, Aero, the airport dog, who has become a beloved figure at College Park Airport. Together, they have embodied the spirit of safety and community, reminding us, all the joy that aviation brings to our lives; and
- WHEREAS,** as Lee steps into this new chapter of his life, let us express our deepest gratitude for his unwavering support, leadership, and dedication throughout his time here. His contributions have not only advanced our airport but have also strengthened the bonds within our aviation community; and
- WHEREAS,** Lee, thank you for your tireless efforts and the positive impact you’ve made. We wish you a retirement filled with new adventures, relaxation, and of course, plenty of time in the skies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fazlul Kabir, Mayor of the City of College Park, join the City Council, residents, staff, colleagues and friends in expressing our deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Lee Sommer for your service and dedication to the City of College Park Airport. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement and congratulate you on a job well done.

Proclaimed this 10 day of December, 2024.



Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park, MD

