

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of Coloradans, as well as in the operations of our farms and businesses; and

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

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 74 airports, which serve 17,646 pilots and 7,194 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's general aviation and commercial service airports contribute \$2.4 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays an important role in our response to emergencies and natural disasters throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, general aviation sustains 256,700 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$12.6 billion, a figure which increases substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to 40 charter flight companies, 71 repair stations, 3,701 flight instructors, 3,178 student pilots, and 9 FAA Part 141 flight training schools, in addition to 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports; and

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

WHEREAS, organizations including the Colorado Aeronautical Board, Colorado Division of Aeronautics, Colorado Aviation Business Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Colorado Airport Operators Association, Colorado Pilots Association, Colorado Aerial Applicators Association, National Air Transport Association, National Business Aviation Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association recognize, promote, and develop the interests and importance of general aviation in our state, our nation, and the wider world;

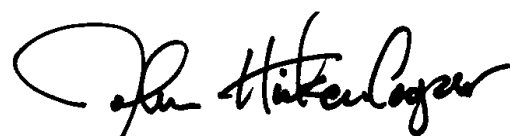
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2017, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2017




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor