



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

*WHEREAS, Colorado 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, Colorado is home to 76 airports, which serve 23,697 pilots and 7,002 general aviation aircrafts; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's community airports, not including Denver International Airport, contribute \$30.7 billion to the state's economy yearly; and*

*WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies, including the COVID-19 global pandemic, wildfires, and natural disasters; and*

*WHEREAS, General Aviation sustains 86,577 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$5.1 billion. The figure increases substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 80 repair stations, 4,701 flight instructors, 7,775 student pilots and 12 part 141 flight schools. In addition, there are 70 fixed-based operators and 447 helicopters; and*

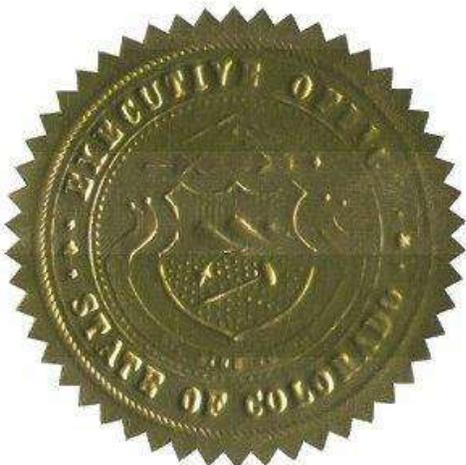
*WHEREAS, Colorado depends on General Aviation and Community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our communities;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 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, 2023*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Jared Polis  
Governor*