



*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, 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 76 airports, which serve 21,000 pilots and 6,900 general aviation aircrafts; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's community airports, not including Denver International Airport, contribute \$48 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 345,000 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$16 billion which 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, 75 repair stations, 4,400 flight instructors, 7,775 student pilots and 141 flight schools, and 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;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024, 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 May, 2024*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor