

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

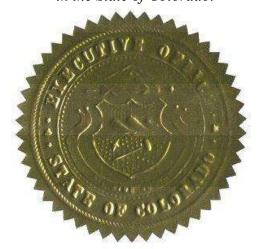
WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 75 repair stations, 4,400 flight instructors, 7,775 student pilots and 141 flight schools, and 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports; and

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

Jared Polis Governor