

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play critical roles in the lives of Washingtonians, as well as the operation of businesses, industry, ranches, and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State 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**, Washington is home to public-use airports serving an average of 19,165 pilots and 10,195 general aviation aircraft annually; and

**WHEREAS**, public-use airports support 248,500 jobs, \$15.3 billion in wages, and \$50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in our state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is home to 42 charter flight companies, 105 repair stations, 41 schools, and 120 fix-based operators, and provides 8,147 aviation-related jobs; and

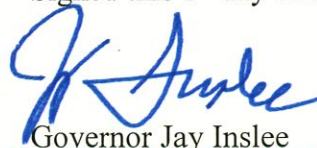
**WHEREAS**, numerous organizations – including the Washington State Aviation Alliance, Washington Airport Management Association, Washington Pilot's Association, Washington Public Ports Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Washington Community Airports Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Business Aviation Association, and National Air Transportation Association – recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in our state and throughout the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as

### ***General Aviation Appreciation Month***

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018

  
Governor Jay Inslee

