

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, the 2020 Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation in the state contributes over \$115 million in economic impact annually, supports 1669 jobs and provides a total payroll of over \$57 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wyoming Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, the state has 40 publicly-owned airports serving general aviation, and 31 of those exclusively general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 2267 pilots and 1053 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 12 repair stations, 2 FAA-approved pilot schools, 795 student pilots and 347 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation stands at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports are critical infrastructure that ensure future economic growth and support our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Wyoming and encourage all citizens to join in this observation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 8th day of February, 2022.



The Honorable Mark Gordon 33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming