

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming 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, according to the Wyoming Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in the state annually contribute over \$73 million in economic impact, support 410 jobs and have a total payroll of over \$14.4 million; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming has 32 public-use airports, 1,874 pilots, 1,010 general aviation aircraft, 8 repair stations, 2 FAA-approved flight schools, 34 fixed-based operators, 113 heliports, 364 student pilots and 283 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Wyoming depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for their role in commerce, visitors, health, safety and more; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure is an important public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the continued vitality of general aviation in Wyoming is important to Wyoming and the people who live here.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim June, 2017 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Wyoming and encourage all citizens to join in observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this _____ day of June, 2017.



Matthew H. Mead Governor