

# Proclamation

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Arlington Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on Arlington; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Arlington's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division, Arlington, Washington is home to 580 based aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division, Arlington, Washington is also home to over 600 pilots with over 133,000 operations annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Aviation Economic Impact Study performed by WSDOT, Arlington Municipal Airport supports over 1,000 aviation jobs, representing a total labor impact of over \$48 million and a total output income of over \$148 million in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Fly-In celebrates all facets of general aviation, providing aviation education to over 35,000 annual attendees, generating well over \$2 million in direct spending in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Barbara Tolbert, Mayor of the City of Arlington, do hereby proclaim June as

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in the City of Arlington and declare general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Arlington.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor



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