PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

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

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Washington'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 2012 Aviation Economic Impact Study, the Arlington Municipal Airport is home to 580 based aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the same study, the Arlington Municipal Airport supports over 1,000 jobs, representing a total labor impact of over \$48 million and a total economic output of over \$148 million; 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; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Barbara Tolbert, Mayor of the City of Arlington, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Arlington and declare 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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