

WHEREAS, the city of Aurora, Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 17,583 pilots and 5,468 active general aviation aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Colorado's economy, but also 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, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public health 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, Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor of the city of Aurora, Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the city of Aurora, Colorado as general aviation is a vital strategic resource to the city of Aurora.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the city of Aurora, Colorado to be affixed this 1st day of February 2018.

COLORADO

Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor