



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Grand Junction in the state of Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports; and
- Whereas,** general aviation and the Grand Junction Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Grand Junction; and
- Whereas,** the 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study found that airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$48.6 billion, more than 345,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$16.2 billion; and
- Whereas,** according to the FAA, the state has 70 public-use airports. These airports serve almost 22,000 pilots and more than 6,900 registered aircraft; and
- Whereas,** according to the FAA, the state is home to 75 repair stations, 14 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 6,700 student pilots, and over 4,400 flight instructors; and
- Whereas,** general aviation not only supports Colorado's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and
- Whereas,** the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

In the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 14th day of December 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Stout', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

