

## PROCLAMATION NO. 18-01

## A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2018 AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Lamar 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 Lamar Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Lamar; and

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

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 68 fixed-based operators, 75 repair stations, 185 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,098 flight students and 3,668 flight instructors; 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, 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, 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;

**THEREFORE**, I, Roger Stagner, Mayor of the City of Lamar, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Lamar and declare February 2018 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Lamar, Colorado on this 12 th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF LAMAR, COLORADO

Roger Stagner, Mayor