



# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Pocatello has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and
- WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Idaho Airport System Plan, the annual economic impact of general aviation in Idaho is over \$426 million; the same report found that the total annual economic impact of aviation in Idaho is \$2.1 billion; and Idaho airports and visitors who arrive by air are responsible for 4% of the State's estimated gross domestic product; and
- WHEREAS, Idaho's general aviation airports create 4,096 jobs annually, with an estimated payroll of \$133 million; and
- WHEREAS, according to the Idaho Transportation Department, approximately 23,000 residents of Idaho owe their jobs to the aviation industry, representing 2.9% of all jobs in the state; and
- WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS, many communities in Idaho depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian C. Blad, Mayor of the City of Pocatello, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Pocatello, and recognize the many contributions general aviation and the Pocatello Regional Airport make to our community and surrounding areas.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of our City to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year two thousand and seventeen.

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR