

City of Arts & Innovation

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside in the State of California 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 Riverside Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 215 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 56,841 FAA certified pilots and 29,211 FAA registered aircraft, and is home to 631 repair stations, 505 heliports, 66 FAA-approved pilot schools, 12,033 flight students, and 9,452 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in California contributes over \$30.2 billion to the state's total economic impact and supports California's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports California'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 to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III, Mayor of the City of Riverside, California, do hereby proclaim April 2016, as

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

and on behalf of the City Council, recognize the importance of general aviation and the Riverside Municipal Airport, to our community.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2016.

WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III, Mayor City of Riverside, California