



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Riverside, 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

**WHEREAS**, California 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

**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 general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Riverside and declare May as

## General Aviation Appreciation Month

Dated this 10th day of May, 2017.

*Riverside  
Pride*

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

