

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City of Riverton, in the state of Wyoming, 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 Riverton Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Riverton; and

Whereas, according to the Wyoming Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in the state contribute over \$73 million in economic impact annually; and

Whereas, according to the Wyoming Aviation Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports in Wyoming support 410 jobs and a total payroll of over \$14.4 million; and

Whereas, according to the FAA, Wyoming is home to 8 repair stations, 2 FAA-approved pilot schools, 364 student pilots and 283 flight instructors. In addition, there are 34 fixed-base operators in Wyoming, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 113 heliports in Wyoming; and

Whereas, general aviation not only supports Wyoming'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, John L. Baker, Mayor of the City of Riverton, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Riverton and declare November as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

John L. Baker

Signed this 15th day of November, 2016.