

PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsbluff in the state of Nebraska 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 Western Nebraska Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Scottsbluff; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 80 public-use airports, which serve 3,661 pilots and 2,501 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 70 fixed-base operators, 13 repair stations, 5 FAA-approved pilot schools; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Nebraska contributes over \$1.2 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Nebraska'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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Raymond Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Scottsbluff, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Scottsbluff and declare May as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Scottsbluff.

Raymond Gonzales, Mayor