

**PROCLAMATION**  
**General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Socorro, in the State of New Mexico, 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 Socorro Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Socorro; and

**WHEREAS,** New Mexico is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 4,294 pilots and 2,238 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS,** New Mexico is home to 43 fixed-base operators, 23 repair stations, 34 heliports, 10 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,076 flight students and 617 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS,** On-airport output in New Mexico contributes over \$2.3 billion to the economy; and

**WHEREAS,** General aviation not only supports New Mexico'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

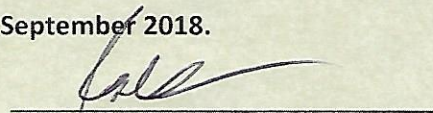
**WHEREAS,** The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Body of the City of Socorro, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Socorro and declare September as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Socorro.**

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

**ATTEST:**

  
Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk

  
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor