

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sterling in the state of Colorado 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 Sterling Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sterling; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 18,891 pilots and 6,731 registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is home to 70 fixed-based operators, 74 repair stations, 210 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 4,359 flight students and 3,916 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Colorado'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, Dan Torres, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sterling, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Sterling and declare June 2019 as

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

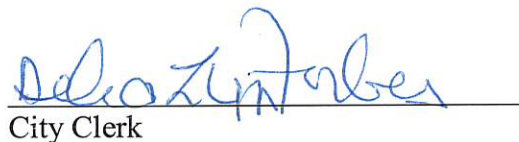
in the City of Sterling, Colorado.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Sterling.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk