

Office of the Mayor  
**Proclamation**  
*Trinidad, Colorado*



**"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH" – FEBRUARY, 2024**

**WHEREAS, Trinidad has a significant interest in the continued vitality of the Perry Stokes Airport, general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports due to the substantial economic impact to the communities they are located within; and**

**WHEREAS, the 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study found that airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$48.6 billion, more than 345,000 jobs, and a payroll of \$16.2 billion. According to the FAA the state has 70 public-use airports. These airports serve almost 22,000 pilots and more than 6,900 registered aircraft, with Colorado being home to 75 repair stations, 14 FAA-approved pilot schools, almost 6,700 student pilots, and over 4,400 flight instructors; 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, disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and**

**WHEREAS, with the United States facing a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Griego, Mayor of the City of Trinidad, on behalf of the entire Trinidad City Council, do hereby proclaim February, 2024, as:**

**"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"**

**in the City of Trinidad.**

*In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of this  
city to be affixed.*

*Karen Griego*  
Mayor  
Date *Feb 6, 2024*

