

CITY OF YAKIMA P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima, in the state of Washington, 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 Yakima Air Terminal have an immense economic impact on Yakima; and

WHEREAS, according to the WSDOT Aviation Division, Washington is home to 123 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, Washington airports serve 18,753 pilots and 7,249 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Aviation Economic Impact Study, airports in Washington support 248,000 jobs, a payroll of \$15.3 billion and \$50.9 billion in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, according to the Merge Global report, general aviation in Washington contributes more than \$3.1 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington Aviation Economic Impact Study, Washington's 8 seaplane bases support an economic output of approximately \$3 million annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Washington'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, Avina Gutiérrez, Mayor of the City of Yakima, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Yakima and declare June as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the City of Yakima and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



Dated this 28th day of June 2016

Avina Gutiérrez, Mayor