

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

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play critical roles in the lives of Washingtonians, as well as the operation of businesses, industry, ranches, and farms; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home of public-use airports serving an average of 19,165 pilots and 10,195 general aviation aircraft annually; and

WHEREAS, public-use airports support 248,500 jobs, \$15.3 billion in wages, and \$50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in our state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 42 charter flight companies, 105 repair stations, 41 schools, and 120 fix-based operators, and provides 8,147 aviation-related jobs; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations – including the Washington State Aviation Alliance, Washington Airport Management Association, Washington Pilot's Association, Washington Public Ports Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Washington Community Airports Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Business Aviation Association, National Air Transportation Association – recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in our state and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Coffey, 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 25th day of June, 2018



Kathy Coffey, Mayor

