

**PROCLAMATION 2014-001**

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BINGEN, WASHINGTON  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2014,  
AS GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, General aviation and local airports play a critical role in the success of our local businesses and the livelihoods of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of general aviation is \$150 billion and this industry supports over 1.2 million jobs across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2012 Economic Impact Survey conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation, the aviation industry supports over 248,500 jobs, \$15.3 billion in payroll and has an economic impact of \$50.9 billion in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2006 Merge Global study, annually general aviation accounts for \$3.18 billion in economic impact and supports 7,615 jobs in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, within a 25-mile radius of Bingen, general aviation has a local economic impact of over \$4.3 million and supports 88 jobs; and

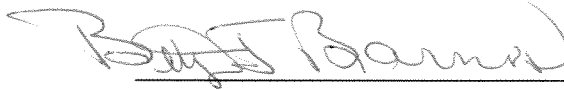
**WHEREAS**, the City of Bingen and the State of Washington have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation as a resource that drives economic growth for our community's farms, and sustains critical services such as medical care and disaster relief; and

**NOW THEREFORE, the City of Bingen, Washington** proclaims the month of  
February, 2014 as

“General Aviation Appreciation Month”

The City of Bingen invites all citizens to recognize this occasion.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Barnes", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Betty J. Barnes, Mayor