

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS;** general aviation and community airports play a vital role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS;** the city of Hollister in the state of California 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 local airports, including Hollister Municipal Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Hollister; and

**WHEREAS;** California is home to 250 public-use airports, 220 of which are general aviation airports, that serve 61,185 pilots and 22,830 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS;** the state is home to 631 repair stations, 968 heliports and 66 FAA-approved pilot schools, as well as 11,832 flight students and 9,429 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS;** general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of \$18.2 billion to California's economy; and

**WHEREAS;** general aviation not only bolsters California's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and health care services, assisting law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and 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;

**THEREFORE,** I, Ignacio Velazquez, Mayor of the City of Hollister, do hereby proclaim May, 2014 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Hollister this 19th day of May, 2014.

  
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Ignacio Velazquez, Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Gen Johnson, MHC, City Clerk