

PROCLAMATION 2015-001

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BINGEN, WASHINGTON
DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2015,
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, 2015 as

“General Aviation Appreciation Month”

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

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.



Betty J. Barnes, Mayor