

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Buena Vista in the state of Colorado 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 have an immense economic impact on the Town of Buena Vista; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 17,435 pilots and 5,412 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 70 fixed-based operators, 71 repair stations, 447 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,817 flight students and 3,528 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$2.4 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Colorado's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting, 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;

THEREFORE, I, Duff Lacy, Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Buena Vista, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the Town of Buena Vista and declare July 2015 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the Town of Buena Vista, Colorado.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Town of Buena Vista on this 23rd day of June, 2015.



Duff Lacy, Mayor Pro-Tem