

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Sterling 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 City of Sterling; 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;

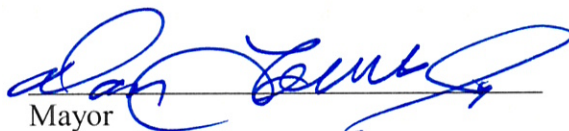
NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan Torres, Mayor of the City of Sterling, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Sterling and declare June 2015 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

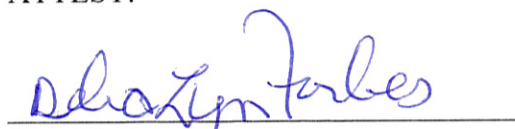
in the City of Sterling, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Sterling.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2015.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk