

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS: General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses, industry, ranches, and farms; and

WHEREAS: The City of Arlington has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

WHEREAS: Washington State has 134 public use airports serving 18,727 pilots and 9,201 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Public use airports support 248,500 jobs, \$15.3 billion in wages, and \$50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

WHEREAS: Arlington Municipal Airport has 400 aircraft based at the airport with over 133,000 operations in 2015; and

WHEREAS: General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: Arlington Municipal Airport played a critical role in the rescue and recovery efforts associated with the March 22, 2014 Oso Landslide; and


WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system.

WHEREAS: Washington is home to 45 charter flight companies, 110 repair stations, and 31 flight schools operating 151 aircraft and providing 310 jobs, as well as 62 fixed-based operators in the state.

WHEREAS: many communities in Washington depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our State; and

THEREFORE: I, Barbara Tolbert, Mayor of Arlington, Washington do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Arlington, Washington and declare July 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of June, 2015



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

