

**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 the Sterling Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Sterling; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is home to 61 public-use general aviation 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, 3,528 flight students and 2,817 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in Colorado contribute \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; 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, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sterling, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Sterling and declare June 2016 to be

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

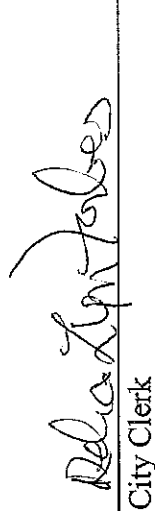
in the City of Sterling, Colorado.

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

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk