

*Office of the Mayor*

# Proclamation

## “GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2019”

WHEREAS, the City of Coolidge in the State of Arizona 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 Coolidge Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 80 public-use airports, which serves 19,543 pilots and 7,652 registered aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 68 fixed-base operators, 140 repair stations, 119 heliports, 25 FAA-approved pilot schools, 4,602 flight students and 4,103 flight instructors; and

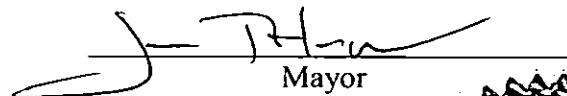
WHEREAS, general aviation in Arizona supports \$609 million in economic activity in Arizona annually; and

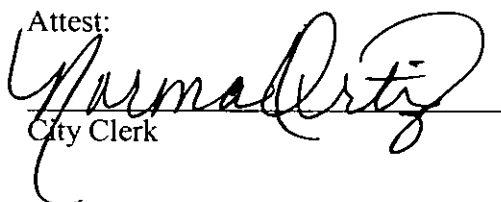
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Arizona’s economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the nation’s aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jon Thompson, Mayor of the City of Coolidge, do hereby proclaim January 2019 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Coolidge and call upon the citizens of Coolidge to observe this month by recognizing that general aviation is a vital strategic resource for the City of Coolidge.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

  
Mayor

Attest:  
  
City Clerk

