



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Grand Junction 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 Grand Junction Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Grand Junction; and

Whereas, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 18,891 pilots and 6,731 registered aircrafts; and

Whereas, Colorado is home to 70 fixed-base operators, 74 repair stations, 210 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 4,359 flight students and 3,916 flight instructors; and

Whereas, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$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 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, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

"General Aviation Appreciation Month"

In the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 24th day of May, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Merrick Taggart'.

Mayor