



## General Aviation Appreciation

WHEREAS, the City of Greeley 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 Greeley-Weld County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Greeley; 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-base 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 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 to ensure stable funding of this system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas E. Norton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Greeley and declare June as *General Aviation Appreciation Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas E. Norton".

Thomas E. Norton  
Mayor