

CITY OF COLVILLE PROCLAMATION

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 state of Washington 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 135 public use airports serving 20,028 pilots and 7,585 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, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; 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; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 59 charter flight companies, 116 repair stations, and 24 flight schools operating 181 aircraft and providing 360 jobs. In addition, there are 64 fixed-based operators in the state; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah Rarrick, Mayor of the City of Colville, do hereby proclaim August, 2014 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Colville and I urge all citizens to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the State of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Colville to be affixed this 29th day of July, 2014.

Deborah Rarrick

Deborah Rarrick, Mayor

Attest:

Holly Pannell

Holly Pannell, CMC, PFO
City Clerk/Human Resources Manager