



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

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 and farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho 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, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, general aviation in Idaho contributes over \$1.1 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics reports that Idaho has 117 public-use airports, serving 4,834 pilots and 2,966 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, general aviation supports 7,900 jobs in Idaho, resulting in \$342 million in labor income; and

WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) data shows that Idaho is home to 29 repair stations, five FAA-approved pilot schools, 902 student pilots, 809 flight instructors, 91 fixed-base operators listed in the AC-U-KWIK directory and, according to the Helicopter Association International, there are 257 heliports; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Idaho depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and congressional oversight should ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June, 2017 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE