

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, Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 74 airports, which serve 18,232 pilots and 6,883 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado general aviation airports contribute \$2.4 billion to the state's economy yearly; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, general aviation sustains 256,700 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$12.6 billion, not including the general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 70 fixed-based operators, 447 heliports, 80 repair stations, 3,854 flight instructors, 3,966 student pilots and 10 part 141 schools; and

WHEREAS, Colorado depends on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our communities; and

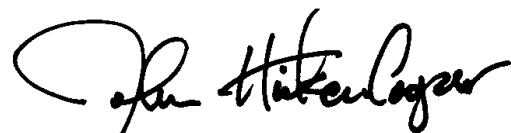
WHEREAS, organizations including the Colorado Aeronautical Board, Colorado Division of Aeronautics, Colorado Aviation Business Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Colorado Airport Operators Association, Colorado Pilots Association, Colorado Aerial Applicators Association, National Air Transport Association, National Business Aviation Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association recognize, promote, and develop the interests and importance of general aviation in our state, and our nation;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, June, 2018, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2018


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

