

PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Morgan 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 Fort Morgan Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Fort Morgan and Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 17,583 pilots and 5,468 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 68 fixed-base operators, 75 repair stations, 185 heliports, nine FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,098 flight students and 3,668 flight instructors; and

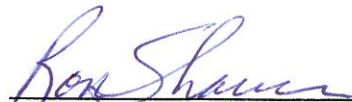
WHEREAS, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Colorado's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and health care 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, Ron Shaver, Mayor of the City of Fort Morgan, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fort Morgan and declare April as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Fort Morgan.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Fort Morgan to be affixed this 16th day of April 2019.



Ron Shaver, Mayor

Attest:



John J. Brennan, City Clerk