



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** as one of Idaho's premier airport communities, the City of Idaho Falls 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 Idaho Falls Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on Idaho Falls; and
- WHEREAS,** the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics reports that Idaho has 117 public-use general aviation airports. According to FAA data, these airports serve 4,834 pilots and 2,966 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS,** according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy., general aviation in Idaho contributes over \$1.1 billion to the state's total economic output; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers' study, Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy, general aviation supports 7,900 jobs in Idaho, resulting in \$342 million in labor income; and
- WHEREAS,** general aviation not only supports Idaho'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 state nation's aviation infrastructure confers important public benefits, and;
- WHEREAS,** congressional oversight should be secured to ensure stable funding of general aviation as a vital and strategic resource.

THEREFORE, I, REBECCA CASPER, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Idaho Falls.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 9th day of June Two-Thousand and Seventeen.

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls