

Proclamation

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of Coloradans, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

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

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 airports, which serve 17,435 pilots and 5,412 general aviation aircraft; and

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

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a critical role in Colorado's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, general aviation sustains 265,700 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$12.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 40 charter flight companies, 71 repair stations, 3,528 flight instructors, 2,817 students, and 9 part 41 schools, in addition to 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports; and

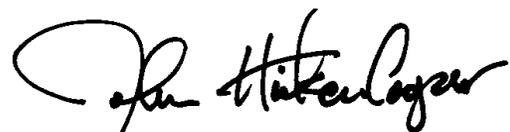
WHEREAS, many communities across the state depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to Colorado;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2015, 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, 2015


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

