



# CITY OF CASPER

200 NORTH DAVID

CASPER, WYOMING 82601

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

- 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 Wyoming 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*, Wyoming has 40 public-use airports serving 1,942 pilots and 836 general aviation aircraft; and,
- WHEREAS*, According the Wyoming Department of Transportation, general aviation airports contribute over \$101 million to the state economy annually. Overall, aviation is responsible for \$1.4 billion in economic impact annually; and,
- WHEREAS*, General aviation visitors to Wyoming spend \$31 million per year. The Jackson and Saratoga general aviation airports were the biggest economic engines, with \$12.5 million and \$5.9 million contributed per year, respectively; and,
- WHEREAS*, Wyoming's aviation system sustains 14,460 jobs in the state directly and indirectly, including Aviation Aircraft, which manufactures small airplanes, and employs 60 people in its Afton, WY, plant. General aviation airports across the state support 718 jobs; and,
- WHEREAS*, Annually, more than 115,000 individuals travel to Wyoming by general aviation; and,
- WHEREAS*, The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and,
- WHEREAS*, General aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and,
- WHEREAS*, Wyoming is home to 15 charter flight companies, 9 repair stations, and 2 flight schools operating 7 aircraft and providing 18 jobs. Additionally, there are 30 fixed-base operators in the state; and,
- WHEREAS*, Many communities in Wyoming depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul L. Meyer, Mayor of the City of Casper, Wyoming, do hereby declare that June is*

### **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

*and proclaim that general aviation is a vital strategic resource to the State of Wyoming and the City of Casper.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Casper, Wyoming, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.*



CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING  
A Municipal Corporation

*Paul L. Meyer*  
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Mayor