



## 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, Colorado 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, Colorado is home to 74 public use airports, which serve 20,514 pilots and 6,737 general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's community airports, not including Denver International Airport, contribute \$10.7 billion to the state's economy yearly; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies, and the state's continued response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and wildfires; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports in Colorado, not including Denver International Airport, support 72,027 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$3.8 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 80 repair stations, 4,144 flight instructors, 5,650 student pilots and 11 FAA Part 141 flight schools. In addition, there are 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports; 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, our nation, and the wider world;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2020 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 October, 2020*



  
Jared Polis  
Governor