The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play critical roles in the lives of Washingtonians, as well as the operation of businesses, industry, ranches, and farms; and

WHEREAS, Washington State 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, Washington is home to public-use airports serving an average of 17,953 pilots and 9,973 general aviation aircraft annually; and

WHEREAS, public-use airports support 248,500 jobs, $15.3 billion in wages, and $50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in our state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 44 charter flight companies, 105 repair stations, and 34 schools, provides 1,795 jobs, and there are 55 fix-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations, including the Washington State Aviation Alliance, Washington Airport Management Association, Washington Pilot's Association, Washington Public Ports Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Washington Community Airports Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Business Aviation Association, and National Air Transportation Association, recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in our state and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June, 201 7 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10th day of May, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee