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 20,031 pilots and 9,976 general aviation aircraft annually; and

WHEREAS, public-use airports support 407,042 jobs, $26.8 billion in wages, and $107 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 42 charter flight companies, 110 repair stations, 43 schools, and 39 agricultural operators, provides 8,015 jobs, and there are 114 fix-based operators in the state; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June, 2020 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 June, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee