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Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) and Colorado Division of Aeronautics Celebrate Governor’s Proclamation of June as *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

Denver, CO – June 1, 2019 – The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) and the Colorado Division of Aeronautics are pleased to announce the release of Governor Jared Polis’s Proclamation declaring June 2019 to be *General Aviation Appreciation Month*.

For the ninth consecutive year, Colorado’s Governor has honored aviation as a vital pillar of the state’s economy, supporting 256,700 jobs with a combined annual payroll of \$12.6 billion. Seventy-four public use airports and 447 heliports in Colorado together contribute \$2.4 billion to Colorado’s economy through numerous revenue sources including corporate and charter flights, private and business aircraft operations, aircraft maintenance and repair, flight instruction, and fuel sales.

“We applaud Governor Polis for continuing to recognize the many benefits and significant economic impact business and general aviation bring to Colorado,” said Chris Swathwood, Chairman of CABA.

“The Division of Aeronautics is excited to celebrate June, 2019 as General Aviation Appreciation Month with all of those who are passionate and dedicated to maintaining and improving this essential mode of transportation in Colorado,” said David Ulane, Aeronautics Division Director.

CABA and the Division of Aeronautics have worked closely over the past nine years to support and promote business and general aviation in Colorado. CABA and the Division of Aeronautics have partnered with schools and colleges with aviation programs. CABA offers scholarships through its Foundation to provide financial assistance for training in aviation careers, and has disbursed a total of over \$65,000 in scholarships to 25 college and high school students over the past nine years.

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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 and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 74 airports, which serve 19,118 pilots and 6,741 general aviation aircraft. Colorado General Aviation airports contribute \$2.4 billion to the state's economy yearly; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation sustains 256,700 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$12.6 billion. The figure increases substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 80 repair stations, 3,854 flight instructors, 3,966 student pilots and 10 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 of the State of Colorado do hereby proclaim the month of June 2019 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, 2019



Jared Polis
Governor

Notes to Editors:

About the Colorado Aviation Business Association:

The mission of the Colorado Aviation Business Association is to promote the value of business and general aviation across the State of Colorado.

Founded in 1994, the Colorado Aviation Business Association consists of over 400 corporate and individual members who live and work in aviation and related businesses within the State of Colorado. CABA addresses and responds to issues impacting Colorado airports including safety and operational effectiveness; Educates the general public about aviation activities in the state; Supports the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community; and Provides for the training of future aviation professionals through the CABA Foundation scholarship fund.

<http://www.mycaba.org>

About the Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics:

The mission of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to support Colorado's multi-modal transportation system by advancing a safe, efficient, and effective state-wide air and space system through collaboration, investment, and advocacy.

<http://www.Colorado-Aeronautics.org>