

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 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 76 airports, which serve 17,819 pilots and 8,074 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado general aviation airports contribute \$2.1 billion, \$479 per capita, 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 22,650 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$750 million; the figure increases substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

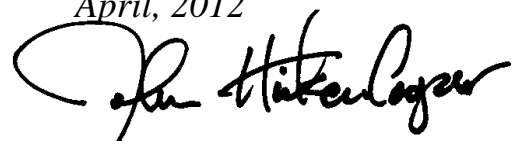
WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 40 charter flight companies, 69 repair stations, and 16 flight schools operating 141 aircraft and providing 212 jobs; in addition, there are 70 fixed-based operators in the state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2012,

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this tenth day of
April, 2012*


John Hickenlooper
Governor

