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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, 2017 – The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) and the Colorado Division of Aeronautics are pleased to announce the release of Governor John Hickenlooper's Proclamation declaring June 2017 to be *General Aviation Appreciation Month*.

For the seventh consecutive year, Governor Hickenlooper has honored aviation as a vital pillar of the state's economy, supporting 265,700 jobs with a combined annual payroll of \$12.6 billion. Seventy-four business and general aviation 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.

"The Division of Aeronautics is excited to celebrate June, 2017 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 seven 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, and has disbursed over \$50,000 in scholarships to 25 college and high school students over the past seven years.

"We applaud Governor Hickenlooper for recognizing the many benefits business and general aviation bring to Colorado," said Kandi Spangler, Chairman of CABA.

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WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of Coloradans, as well as in the operations of our farms and businesses; 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 airports, which serve 17,646 pilots and 7,194 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's general aviation and commercial service airports contribute \$2.4 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays an important role in our response to emergencies and natural disasters throughout the state; and

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

WHEREAS, our state is home to 40 charter flight companies, 71 repair stations, 3,701 flight instructors, 3,178 student pilots, and 9 FAA Part 141 flight training schools, in addition to 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;

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;

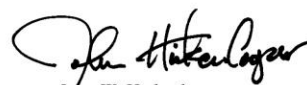
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2017, as

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, 2017*




John W. Hickenlooper
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 300 businesses and individual members who live and work within the State of Colorado. CABA addresses and responds to issues impacting Colorado Airports including safety and operational effectiveness; Educates the general public about all aviation activities in the state; Preserves and protects the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large; 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 Colorado Division of Aeronautics was established in 1991 to support the Colorado Department of Transportation's development of a forward-looking multi-modal transportation system. The Division of Aeronautics, under the direction of the Colorado Aeronautical Board is dedicated to the future enhancement of aviation safety, aviation education, and the development of an effective air transportation system through the efficient administration of the Colorado Aviation Fund.

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