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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, 2018 – 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 2018 to be *General Aviation Appreciation Month*.

For the eighth 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, 2018 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 eight 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 \$59,000 in scholarships to 25 college and high school students over the past eight years.

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

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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 18,232 pilots and 6,883 general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, 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, not including the general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 70 fixed-based operators, 447 heliports, 80 repair stations, 3,854 flight instructors, 3,966 student pilots and 10 part 141 schools; 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, and our nation;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, June, 2018, 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,  
2018*



  
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 corporate 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 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>