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**COLORADO GOVERNOR JARED POLIS PROCLAIMS JUNE TO BE
GENERAL AVIATION MONTH**

DENVER (June 8, 2023) – Calling General Aviation a vital strategic resource to the state of Colorado, Colorado Governor Jared Polis issued a formal proclamation today naming June General Aviation Appreciation Month.

In the official announcement, the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA), along with the Colorado Aeronautical Board, the Colorado Division of Aeronautics, and several other state- and national aviation organizations were recognized as promoting and developing the interests and importance of General Aviation in the state, the nation, and the world.

“General Aviation, the businesses that support it, and the industries that utilize it, all play a critical and integrated role in Colorado’s economy,” said Chris Swathwood, chair of the legislative affairs committee for CABA, a grass-roots membership organization focused on the support and promotion of business and General Aviation across the state. “We thank Governor Polis for recognizing the importance of this industry, its broad impact, and the benefits it brings Colorado communities – including inter and intra-state commerce, wildfire fighting, agriculture, medical evacuation, and so many other vital services.”

The proclamation noted that Colorado is home to 76 airports, which serve 23,697 pilots and 7,002 General Aviation aircraft. Colorado’s community airports, not including Denver International Airport, contribute \$30.7 billion to the state’s economy yearly. General Aviation also plays a vital role in the state’s response to emergencies, including the COVID-19 global pandemic, wildfires, and natural disasters, as well as to the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to Colorado communities.

Additionally:

- General Aviation sustains 86,577 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$5.1 billion. The figure increases substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state.
- Colorado is home to 33 charter flight companies, 80 repair stations, 4,701 flight instructors, 7,775 student pilots and 141 flight schools. In addition, there are 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports.

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